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LITERATURE

Letters from Alexander von Humboldt to Varntters from Accanacy von Humbolat to Vari-hagen von Ense, during the Years 1827–1858. With Extracts from Varnhagen's Diaries, and Letters from Varnhagen and others to Hum-boldt—Briefe von Alexander von Humboldt an Varnhagen von Ense, &c.]. (Leipzig, Brockhaus; London, Trübner & Co.)

HERE is a book of wonders! Humboldt a democrat, a satirist—the philosopher of Berlin mocking and sporting in the garb of Pasquin! It sounds incredible; yet it seems most true. What will the illustrious sitters to this Prussian Gavarni say? Are not half the princes of Europe sending their subscriptions to Prussia in the name of Humboldt? Has not our own Prince Consort—has not Prince Frederick-William-have not the Emperors Francis Joseph and Louis Napoleon—given money, and time, and influence, to do honour to the memory of a philosopher, who was also believed to be a courtier-who appeared daily in royal palaces who at table sat on the right hand of kings? Yet, here is evidence that, while bowing and smiling at the Schloss, Chamberlain Humboldt's heart was far away—that he looked on the Court pageant as a comedy, on the princes and kings as merely players—that, among the splendours of Sans Souci or Charlottenburg, he was mocking and railing with a Republican free-dom more suited to the political atmosphere of

When Humboldt died, full of years and honours, on the 6th of May last year, it was stated—with what amount of truth we cannot say—that one of his last injunctions to those about him was not to publish any of his private correspondence. That all his friends were not correspondence. Last all his friends were not aware of this expressed desire, if ever it were made, is now apparent. The volume before us is given to the world by Miss Ludmilla Assing, is given to the world by Miss Littlinia Assing, the niece of Varnhagen von Ense,—herself a literary lady, to whom the last letter in the volume is addressed—an epistle of consolation to her from Humboldt upon the death of her uncle. In her Preface, indeed, she expressly states the contrary of what has been ru-moured as the last wish of Humboldt. Miss Assing declares that it was Humboldt's earnest wish that the Letters before us should be made public—a desire, she says, manifest from a passage in one of them, which she has taken for the motto of the present volume. The passage runs thus :- "Your last highly-esteemed letter to me contains words which I cannot mis-understand. You scarcely permit to your-self the possession of my *Impieties*. With respect to such a property, you may dispose of it as you please after my speedy decease." Letter to Varnhagen, the 7th of December, 1841. Of this passage it may be remarked that, strictly speaking, it contains no authorization to publish; but that even if stretched so as to include that permission, it extends only to the letters then in Varnhagen's possession. These were only sixty-one in number; whereas the entire correspondence before us contains as many as two hundred and twenty-five; the vast majority of them treating of persons and things in such a free, out-spoken manner, that we are inclined to believe the aged philosopher may have had them in his mind's eye when issuing his last injunction (if such injunction was ever given) with respect to his correspondence. But Miss with respect to his correspondence. But Miss Assing tells us that her uncle, dying before Humboldt, bequeathed to her the task, and even duty, of giving to the world those "evidences of the hife, activity and thought," of the

philosopher. We agree that—if her duty to print was clear—it was incumbent upon her not to presume in any respect to alter the substance or expression of any of the letters. It is certain that these letters form a remarkable contribution to the "true genuine and un-veiled representation of Humboldt's mind and

character. It is well known that Humboldt was a courtier, a daily visitor at the palace of the King of Prussia, and a constant guest at the Royal table. As such it might be supposed that he gave a general, though not, perhaps, hearty support to the policy of the King and his ministers. But the exact contrary of all this is apparent from his letters to Varnhagen. In these he allows himself to discourse with the utmost freedom upon public events and characters, and stands out as the warm friend of liberty and progress, in opposition to the narrow prejudices of the Pietists and reactionaries by whom the King was surrounded. This is more especially apparent in the latter part of the volume, from which we shall presently give a few extracts. First, let us remark that a great many of the letters before us amply justify the high reputation that Humboldt enjoys of having possessed a generous and sympathizing disposition, ready at all times to assist the struggling student, to further any noble project, or to administer consolation in bereavement and suffering. One of the earliest letters in the volume is precisely of the kind just mentioned. It was addressed by Humboldt to Varnhagen on the death of his wife. boldt to Varnhagen on the death of his wife.
"To a spirit like yours, my illustrious friend,"
he writes, "solitude and calm are at this
moment indispensable. Consolation you can
derive solely from yourself. Think of my
receiving the dire intelligence, only last
night, through Prince Carolath! You know night, through Prince Carolath! what a warm, long-proved, indulgent friend I lose in her, the ornament of her sex; how amiable I found her even in that little affair at Beuth's! So deeply familiar with all that is mutable and gloomy in life, and yet so cheerful and serene! With so much genius, so goodnatured and affectionate! Long will it appear an empty world to you, but the consciousness that, to her latest breath, you gave to so fair a soul all that mind, and heart, and grace of

manners like yours could offer-this is still a balm for your wound." A letter to Varnhagen, upon the last illness of his brother, Wilhelm von Humboldt, is cha-

racterized by the same deep feeling.

Humboldt's affectionate disposition is shown on solemn occasions; as, for instance, when he has to confer a favour, which is always enhanced by his manner of bestowing it. That he could show indignation is evident from the manner in which he denounced the King of Hanover for his conduct to the seven Göttingen Professors. On this subject there is the following passage in one of his letters:—"Yesterday the Constitutional 'Roi des Landes' (King of Hanover), in the presence of forty persons, and at his own table, remarked 'that the Göttingen Professors had spoken in an address to him about their patriotism; but that, as he believed, professors have no Fatherland; professors, courtezans, and danseuses are to be had everywhere for money, and they always sell themselves to the highest bidder.' What a disgrace that such a man should pass for a German Prince!"

The correspondence consists of 225 letters, the greater part of them being Humboldt's own, written to Varnhagen. A few are from Varnhagen to Humboldt, and there are between forty

himself presented to Varnhagen on different occasions, as contributions to his collection of occasions, as contributions to ins collection of autographs. These latter introduce a pleasant element of variety into the volume, besides showing the world-wide reputation of the Philosopher and the "golden opinions" that he had won "from all sorts of people." One of his correspondents was Prince Metternich, from whom there are seven letters, all of them models of composition, and, though written in a familiar style, testifying a deep respect for his correspondent. Humboldt himself, however, once slyly remarks of them, that he is not quite certain that the Prince means he is not quite certain that the Prince means all that he says. Humboldt's other correspondents are King Christian the Eighth of Denmark, Count Bresson, Arago, King Frederick-William the Fourth, Sir John Herschel, Balzac, Sir Robert Peel, Prescott, Madame Récamier, Leopold Grand-Duke of Tuscany, Jules Janin, Bessel, Victor Hugo, Rückert, Manzoni, Thiers, the Princess of Canino, the Duchess of Orleans, Mignet, Prince Albert, the Princess Lieven, Von Gerolt, Jobard, the Grand-Duke of Saxe-Weimar, and Prince Napoleon. A goodly array of names truly, but Napoleon. A goodly array of names truly, but not by any means representing the number and variety of Humboldt's correspondents, since even, in his ninetieth year, he complained to Varnhagen that he had to read as many as 400 letters per month, many of them commencing in this style: "Mein Greis" (My Aged Friend), or "Mein Jugendgreis" (My Youth in Age), or "Caroline and I are happy; our fate rests in your hands."

Of Humboldt's letters to Varnhagen several refer solely to the publication of his 'Kosmos' and other works, or to those of his brother Wilhelm, and in these he pays much deference to the well-known taste and judgment of his correspondent. Others are of a complimentary kind; but most of them contain some passing remarks upon the events of the day, frequently couched in the most sarcastic terms, and though levelled principally against the Gerlach-Stahl party, sparing no one, from Bishop Eylert to Bunsen, and from Bunsen to the King himself. Thus, when Bishop Eylert had the hardihood to declare at a certain "Ordensfest" held by the King, that the assembly then met together contained a true representation of the whole people, with all its classes and interests, Hum-boldt, after describing it, bursts forth in the following terms :-

O, our evangelical priests are in a good road!
They promise well not to lag behind their Catholic brethren, even in their former bloom of priestcraft!
Such hypocritical black-coats make us the laughing-stock of all Europe. People's representation here, people's representation there, let it be given or refused, that troubles me but little at the present moment; but that this fellow should seek to substitute for it such a thing as an "Ordensfest" makes him worthy either of a lunatic asylum or a house of correction. And yet is there neither song ballad nor caricature to lash such an indecent speech! All is still! And as it is such sleeping time, I also will to my couch, wishing you and myself pleasant dreams.

This was written in the old King's time, the time of Frederick-William the Third. Better things were expected under his successor. Let us see, however, with what result. Here is a passage from Varnhagen's Diary, dated March 18, 1843, in which he chronicles a conversation that he had with Humboldt, just then returned from Paris :-

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able, he says, to come upon the old known ways, people busying themselves with dangerous things in childish merriment. Moreover, he is besieged with complaints and claims, every one wanting him to speak for him, to use his influence for Influence! he exclaims, no one has any. Even Bunsen and Radowitz, the King's favourites, have it not. Their sole business is to nourish the fancies and weaknesses they discover in him, to administer and sacrifice to these, and look for nothing in any other direction, or it would be all over with them. The King does precisely what pleases him, whatever developes itself out of his early fixed notions and any advice to him, even if he listens to it, is of no avail. He speaks with contempt of Eichhorn and Savigny as hypocritical eye-servers, who are ruled by Thiele, Gerlach and Hengstenberg. The King has given up none of his former plans, and may attempt at any moment to put them into execution; such as those relating to the Jews, the observance of the Sunday, the consecration of bishops after the English form, the new regulations touching the nobility, and so forth. He entertains plans as if he were to live a hundred years; talks of enormous buildings, gardens, Art-projects, and travels. A visit to Athens has already been spoken of, and there is certainly a pilgrimage to Jerusalem slumbering in the background. . And yet the man is really ingenious, amiable, and animated by the best feelings! What will be the Jerusalem slumbering in the background. result of it all?

There are numerous other passages like this, in which Humboldt writes and speaks of various persons in a bitter, sarcastic manner, that contrasts strangely with the tone of his published works. Are these the "Impieties" to which he alludes in his letter to Varnhagen, mentioned above ?-Humboldt being such a determined enemy of the Pietist faction at Court. Poor man! he often complains that his influence with the King goes for nothing in comparison. In some of his remarks, too, a personal ealousy peeps out, as if he were not individually thought highly enough of by the King. In reading these we almost pity him for condescending to play the courtier with such feelings as he entertained. To such a pitch, indeed, does he carry his hostility to the Court that he sometimes runs into downright Republicanism. In one letter he conveys his feelings to his trusty correspondent by a simple quota-tion from the letters of Antonio Perez, to the following effect:—"It is because I desire to retain the regal supremacy, that I would counsel sovereigns to remain within the limits permitted to them. A prudent counsellor observed one day to Philip the Second, seeing his tendency towards absolute power on different occasions:
'Señor, acknowledge the supremacy of God in earth as in heaven, lest the Supreme Being grow tired of monarchies, a kind of government tolerable enough if exercised with moderation. The God of heaven is too jealous to admit of any sort of companionship; neither will he permit any abuse of human power. Should he tire of monarchies, rest assured that he will give the world some other form of government."
This extract Humboldt incloses to his friend without a word of comment.

During the eventful year of the Revolution at Berlin either no letters passed between Humboldt and Varnhagen, or else they have been suppressed in the present publication. In 1849, however, the year of reaction, the correspondence re-commences, and the old hatred of the Court party re-appears. He complains that he is slandered at Court, and doubts whether he will be able to maintain his position there. In July, 1850, he compares the state of the world to the water-bottle that D'Alembert shook until it showed a web of bubbles at various angles, when he cried out, although well skilled in hydraulics himself, "Calculez-moi cela." After the coup-d'état of December, 1851,

Varnhagen describes him as coming to him in a state of great excitement, and denouncing the acts of brute force, arbitrary deportations and confiscation of the Orleans property, effected by Louis Napoleon. The King is represented by Humboldt as approving it all, with the single exception of Napoleon's appeal to the people. The letters that follow exhibit Humboldt to us still laying his complaints before his friend's eyes, until those eyes were at length closed in tendenth, on the 11th of October, 1858.

We shall give one more extract from Humboldt's letters to Varnhagen, showing how fully he confided to the latter his inmost thoughts, even upon subjects concerning which people rarely, if ever, communicate their ideas, even to their most intimate companions. The passage is one referring to an expression used by his brother Wilhelm, concerning the government of

the world by a Supreme Being :-

For language [he says] my brother's essay belongs to the most finished that he ever wrote. 'God Rules the Universe.' It is the task of history to trace his mysterious decrees. This, after all, is the result, and about this result I have sometimes—I cannot say quarrelled, but—disputed with my brother. This result is, it is true, analogous to the most ancient feelings of humanity pronounced in all languages. My brother's essay is the commentary (developing, interpreting, laudatory) on this hollow feeling. In the same way the physiologist creates for himself vital powers so-called, for the purpose of explaining organic phenomena, because his knowledge of the physical powers, at work in the so-called dead nature, do not suffice him to explain this play of the living organisms. But are vital powers explained in that way? I know you will be angry with me when you learn that the principal idea of this glorious essay does not entirely satisfy me.

Among the miscellaneous letters addressed to Humboldt there is one from Sir Robert Peel, in which he mentions the great pleasure he had in recommending Mr. Robert Brown, the great botanist, for a pension from Her Majesty. This letter we give:—

"Whitehall, 4 Sept. 1843, "Dear Baron de Humboldt,—I was most flat-tered by your kind attention in transmitting for my acceptance your most interesting work on Central Asia. It will be much prized by me, as well on account of its intrinsic value as a token of your personal regard and esteem. There is no privilege of official power, the exercise of which gives me greater satisfaction—than that of occasionally bestowing a mark of Royal favour and public gratitude on men distinguished by scientific attainments and by services rendered to the cause of From the very limited means which Parliament has placed at the disposal of this Court, it has been my good fortune to be enabled to recognize the merits of Mr. Robert Brown. have just conveyed to him the intimation that Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon him for his life a Pension on the Civil List of two hundred Pounds per annum, in recognition of his eminent acquirements as a Botanist, and of the value of his contributions to the store of Botanical knowledge, Believe me, dear Baron de Humboldt, with sincere esteem, very faithfully yours, ROBERT PREL.

There is also one from Sir John Herschel, upon an astronomical subject, in the course of which he mentions that he is writing and translating for the Atheneum that graphic description of Taschkow Targanka, which appeared in our columns in 1843. There is a highly interesting letter from Mr. Prescott, to accompany the present of his 'History of the Conquest of Mexico'; and there is one from Prince Albert, acknowledging the receipt of Humboldt's 'Kosmos.' Unfortunately this last contains an expression which Humboldt, not being perhaps in the best of humours when he wrote about it to Varnhagen, has turned into ridicule. The Prince Consort concludes his

seas of light and star-terraces' you so nobly describe, preserve you still for many years to your country, the world, and the Kosmos itself. in undisturbed freshness both of body and soul. This is the sincere wish of your entirely devoted, Albert." Upon this Humboldt re-marks to Varnhagen that the Prince "makes me speak of 'circling seas of light and starme speak of circing seas of light and star-terraces,"—a Coburg variation on my text and quite English from Windsor, where there are nothing but Terraces." He then goes on to state that once in the 'Kosmos' he used the word "star-carpet," for which the Prince has substituted "star-terraces,"—an offence which, we think, need not have been visited with any severity. The Prince Consort was evidently no favourite with Humboldt, who complains of him in this very letter for his want of politeness towards him some years previously, when at Stolzenfels. On that occasion he says the Prince asked him to present a copy of the 'Kos-mos,' which Humboldt, of course, did, and "the Prince," he says, "had the politeness not to thank me." The Prince's letter to him he characterizes as "a wooden, weak epistle";—and he is even vexed at the Prince sending him a copy of Catherwood's 'Views in Central America'—"a book," he says, "that I purchased myself two years ago; a fine edition of Byron would have been far more agreeable." In all this we think the natural philosopher tart and crotchetty. A more suitable literary gift than Catherwood's 'Views' for a Prince to make to such a traveller as Humboldt, does not occur to our mind. How was the Prince to know that the philosopher would have preferred an edition of Byron? He thinks it singular, also, that no mention is made of the Queen in Prince Albert's letter, and concludes, quite gra-tuitously, as it appears to us, that it is because his "book of nature" is not sufficiently Christian in its tone to secure her commendation. "You see," he says, "how severely I can judge when princes write." In another letter to Varnhagen, in reply to one in which his correspondent objects to the severity of his strictures upon Prince Albert, he still girds at the Prince, whom he calls "the Man of the Star-Terraces," and affirms, when he was with him at Stolzenfels, the Prince remarked to him, "I know that you have great sympathy for the sufferings of the Russian-Poles, which is a pity, for the Poles deserve our sympathy as little as the Irish."—" Mihi dixit!" he exclaims, "and this is the beautiful husband of Great Britains Queen !" We very much doubt the accuracy of Humboldt's memory upon this point. The words attributed to the Prince Consort do not seem to be in his style. There is a vexation and unfairness in all Humboldt's remarks upon the Prince, that will make his admirers regret that they should ever have been published under his name.

Biographies. By Lord Macaulay. Contributed to the Encyclopædia Britannica. With Notes of his Connexion with Edinburgh, and Extracts from his Letters and Speeches. (Edinburgh, Black.)

A Few Words on Junius and Macaulay. Cornhill Magazine. (Smith, Elder & Co.)

Mr. Black is a successful publisher. Lord Macaulay was a successful writer. The successful publisher had the honour to obtain the successful writer's friendship. Mr. Black, as a citizen of Edinburgh, had opportunities of serving the renowned reviewer in his parliamentary ventures. Lord Macaulay had the will and the power to be serviceable to the Scottish publisher in his literary ventures.

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The connexion was pleasant, and probably pro-fitable on both sides. For many years Mr. Black supported his friend against powerful and watchful enemies; and when his friend had retired from the more active responsibilities of public life he repaid his staunch supporter with the copyright of five little biographical essays, on Francis Atterbury, on John Bunyan, on Oliver Goldsmith, on Samuel Johnson, and on William Pitt.

These essays have appeared from time to time in successive volumes of the new edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica. They are now gathered into a little volume, and offered to the public as companion to the papers on Clive and Hastings.

In reprinting these five brief biographies Mr. Black has gone into some details about Lord Macaulay's connexion with Edinburgh—a subject of some literary and electoral interest. He has also printed a number of Lord Macaulay's private letters—a perusal of which will probably warn the reader how very fallacious are the best of human judgments. This one letter on the impossibility of obtaining a repeal of the Corn Laws—and consequently the uselessness of his voting for their repeal, though he believes the repeal to be good in principle and in policy—shows how dangerous it is for a public man to be too sure. Mark the date—

"London, February 22, 1843.

"My dear Sir,—I have delayed answering your kind letter till I received Mr. Wigham's communication. My mind is quite made up. I am certain cation. My mind is quite made up. I am certain that the only chance of our getting any mitigation of the existing evils is to act together cordially against the sliding scale. If the party of the Anti-Corn-Law League choose to separate themselves from the supporters of a moderate fixed duty, and to run down Lord John and those who agree with him, I am inclined to believe that we shall have to wait many years for any real improvement. The truth is, that the friends of perfectly free trade, of whom I am sincerely one, are in general quite mis-taken as to their own strength. They live in towns; they herd together; they echo and re-echo each other's sentiments; they are accustomed to see large meetings collected, all animated by the same feeling meetings collected, all animated by the same feeling; and they have got into a habit of repeating that public opinion is for free trade, that monopoly is detested by all, except the aristocracy, and so forth. One would think, to hear them, that the United Kingdom had no rural population at all. Take such a county as Essex, with a population and a constituent body more than twice as large as that of Edinburgh of Devenshies with a roughstion and the constituent body more than twice as large as that of Edinburgh; or Devonshire, with a population and a constituent body nearly four times as large as that of Edinburgh; and let any candidate for those counties talk Cobden's language on the hustings: nay, let him talk Lord John's, or even Gladstone's, and see how he will be received. He will be an object of as much detestation to the body of the farmers and yeomen as the Duke of Cleveland would be to our friends of the High Street. The Irish county members form, as you well know, a great part of the strength of the Liberal party in the House of Commons. There is hardly one of them who, whatever his opinion might be, would dare to vote for total repeal. He would infallibly lose his seat. It is to no purpose to say that this is ignorance and prejudice. I know it well; but I also know that you must work with such tools as you have. You are a minority of the people, told by the head. The higher and higher you go, the smaller is your minority. What, under such circumstances, is your clear policy? To consider all as with you who are not against you, to sink as much as possible all differences which exist between people sincerely desirous of extending the freedom of trade, and to supply, by prudence and union, the deficiency of strength. Instead of this, the members of the Anti-Cern-Law League seem to be determined to drive support from them. As if it were not enough to have against them the Government, the Church of England, the Peers, the House of Commons, the

majority of the elective body—the majority, I firmly believe, of the people of the United Kingdom, they must attack the very persons by whose help alone they can hope to get anything at all. Can any man seriously think that any improvement can be made in the Corn Law till some government shall take the question up? Now, what materials are there for a government among the total and immediate repealers? To imagine that we shall have a cabinet excluding Peel, the Duke, Stanley, Graham, Lord Aberdeen, on the one side; excluding Lord John, Lord Palmerston, Lord Lansdowne, on the other, and consisting of leading members of the Corn-Law League, is quite idle. From an appeal to physical force all good men shrink with horror, and all judicious men know that if such an appeal were made, the Anti-Corn-Law League would come by the worse. But if there is to be no appeal to physical force, you can obtain no part of what you have in view, except by the support of one at least of the parties in the state. One of these parties is much nearer to you in sentiment than the other; but your policy, I mean that of the League, seems to be to treat them both alike with every species of indignity and contumely. Some purposes this course may answer. It may fill the bellies of itinerant spouters; it may circulate reams of bad writing; it may very likely put Mr. Sharman Crawford or Colonel Thompson into my seat at Edinburgh; but it will not strike off a farthing from the price of the quartern loaf. These are my opinions. I express them to you without the reserve which might be proper in a letter intended for the public eye; but I have only one story for you, for Mr. Wigham, for the Cabinet, for the hustings, and for the House of Commons, though I may vary the phrase according to time and place. You see that, in my opinion, you are all in the wrong—not because you think all protection bad, for I think so too not even because you avow your opinion and attempt to propagate it, for I have always done and shall always do the same; but because, being in a situation where your only hope is in a compromise, you refuse to hear of compromise; because, being in a situation where every person who will consider you with you on the right road such to be go a step with you on the right road ought to be go a step with you of the light from you those who are willing and desirous to go with you half way. To this policy I will be no party. I will not abandon those with whom I have hitherto acted, and with out whose help I am confident that no great improvement can be effected, for an object purely selfish. How could I ever hold up my head if I did? What change has taken place since last year, when I refused to vote with Villiers? The Corn Law has grown no worse; the arguments against it are the same. The only difference is, that the heard the same. The only difference is, that the feeling at Edinburgh is stronger; and that I may hazard my seat. Be it so, I am quite resolved to run the hazard; and of this I am certain, that if, holding the opinions which I have expressed, I did not run the hazard, you would despise me heartily.—Ever yours, etc."

Yet, within a comparatively few short months, the Corn Laws were abolished. How fortunate for England and for the world that Messrs. Bright and Cobden would not see this absolute

necessity for a compromise!

Mr. Macaulay's determination to vote against the Villiers motion, though he felt it to be just, helped to render his seat at Edinburgh unsafe. On another subject he also vexed his warmest adherents. The Dissenters are strong in Edin-burgh, and the Dissenters are loud in denouncing what they call the corruption of the May-nooth Grant. On this point their representative held strong opinions. The Maynooth Grant is a compromise, and Lord Macaulay had a huge respect for the sanctity of all compromises. Here is the vindication of his vote :-

"My conduct in the matter I refer to has dis-"My conduct in the matter I refer to has dis-pleased many of you. I cannot ask pardon for it. I cannot ask pardon for being in the right. I come here to state it clearly, and to defend it. I speak of the Maynooth grant. It might be not altogether useless to a fair and ample discussion of that interesting subject, if all who express an opinion

strongly respecting that grant, would take the trouble to inform themselves a little upon the subject. The opinion held on that subject by many respectable persons, I believe to be, that, in the year 1845, the Parliament of the United Kingdom committed a great violation of the sound principles of Protestantism, and endowed an institution for the propagation of Popery. The truth is this. Fifty years ago, when Ireland was an independent kingdom, governed by its own King, Lords, and Commons, and when those who preceded you here in Edinburgh had no more voice in the regulation of the affairs of Ireland than of the affairs of France, and when the Irish Parliament was strictly and exclusively composed of Protestants—that Parliament thought it right to establish this institution for the education of the Roman Catholic clergy. Thus this institution was bequeathed by the Union to the United Kingdom; it came to us as an institution older than the Union, set up by an Irish Parlia-ment, and being, moreover, the only act which the Irish Parliament, during the hundred and twelve years which followed the Revolution, had ever passed giving any sign of sympathy with the body of the people. I do not say—nay, I repudiate the argument—that we are bound to maintain that institution by anything of the nature of a technical treaty; but I say that, when a great and powerful country enters into a treaty on terms of mutual benefit, with a country much smaller and weaker, when 100 Irish Members are sent to sit along with 558 when 100 Irish Members are sent to sit along with 558 British Members, it does become a grave question, —a question of high responsibility,—a question of justice,—how far the stronger of these powers should act against existing institutions in a manner strongly opposed to the sense of the great body of those constituting the weaker nation. I say that your own fathers felt this strongly. When they is not write Frederick they took excess response of your own interes left thus strongly. When they joined with England, they took every species of precaution against the English introducing a Church professing such doctrines as those held by Laud, and since held by a school I need not name and, and since near by a school I need not name now existing in the Church of England,—they took every precaution that the United Legislature should not lay its hand on those religious institu-tions which your ancestors prized more dearly than their lives. When they sent 45 Scotch Members to sit with 513 English Members,—when they sent 45 Presbyterians to sit with 513 Prelatists, they took precautions that the 513 should in no way abuse their power. Though there existed nothing of the nature of an absolute treaty, the strongest considerations of justice ought to have induced the Parliament of the United Kingdom to pause before abolishing the institution which the Irish Parliament had bequeathed to them. it possible that so intelligent a body as the electors of Edinburgh can believe that there was any ques-tion of principle involved in what was actually done regarding this matter last session? It is a mere popular delusion to say that there was any question of principle about it. (Cheers and great hissing.) Principle! when those hisses are interpreted into intelligible sounds, we shall perhaps hear some orator who will attempt to show that the difference between 10,000l. and 20,000l. is a question of principle,—that the difference between a College, whitewashed and repaired, and one in ruins, is a question of principle,—that the difference between a half-filled larder and a full larder is a question of principle,—that the difference between a vote passed regularly every year for fifty years, and one which Parliament may rescind whenever it thinks fit, is a question of principle. Is it not monstrous? We hear a good deal of talk about the homage that has been paid to idolatry, but that is not the ground of attack. You object to us offering a hecatomb to idolatry, but not to us offering a lamb,—you exclaim against a pound being laid on the altar, but you have no objection to a pennyweight. I ask, if such an institution is to be maintained at all, ought it not to be maintained in such a manner as befits an institution which the State does support?
This is the principle about which you exclaim,—the principle that the State may support a Catholic institution which has servants with arms out at elbow, but not in decent livery,—that it may sup-port an institution which has grounds for the recreation of the students, but you will not let it

keep a roller,-that the institution may keep professors to teach languages and science, provided pay them lower than a village dominie,—and that it might lodge students, provided it put them three in a bed. This is what I call, and will call, a in a bed. popular delusion. And then look at the other side of the account. When this bill was brought in, wisely or unwisely, what were to be the consequences of rejecting it? Have those who clamour so loudly against it ever calculated the cost of throwing it out? Have they considered whether this difference of 13,000l. a year was worth a civil

When defeated at the hustings he was no less cold and haughty. "I shall always be proud to think that I once enjoyed your favour, but permit me to say I shall remember not less proudly how I risked and how I lost it."

Many men in Edinburgh resented the use of language. But great constituencies are forgiving. It is only a patron who never relents to the man of genius who has once given offence. Mr. Macaulay was restored to public life by those who had sent him into retirement.

When Mr. Macaulay was raised to the peerage none were more forward in their congratulations than the men of Edinburgh. In answer to a letter of compliments from Mr. Black, we have some curious particulars about this peerage

affair. Lord Macaulay writes :-

"Holly Lodge, Kensington, September 17, 1857.
"My dear Sir—Thanks for your most kind letter. I am truly glad that my old friends in Edinburgh are not displeased with what I have done. I need hardly assure you that I never, directly or indirectly, solicited the honour which has been conferred on me. The letter in which Palmerston informed me that he had received the Queen's permission to offer me a peerage took me altogether by surprise. I was on the point of starting for the Continent; and I had nobody to consult. up my mind very speedily; but I had, I own, serious apprehensions that both Palmerston and myself would be blamed by a large part of the public. It is therefore most gratifying to me to learn that both the offer and the acceptance are generally approved. — Ever, my dear Sir, yours most truly.—MACAULAY."

We need not dwell upon the merits of the Biographies. They are slight in texture, but they possess many of the best qualities of Lord

Macaulay's writings.

The association of the names of Junius and Macaulay, in the announcement of the Cornhill Magazine, naturally excited an interest in literary circles. Why so associated we should, after having read the Essay, have been at a loss to conjecture, had not the writer honestly acknowledged that he had "used the great historian's name, somewhat unfairly, by way of shoeing-horn.

Another of the writer's shoeing-horns has been to summon into his court all whom he is pleased to call my Lord's "antagonists"; and he thus summarily decides on the points at

issue between them:-

"You may agree with his antagonists and not with him; but you will find that what you con-sider to be his error lies quite in another direction, and consists not in misusing his own facts, but in ignoring or neglecting true and material facts adduced by his opponents."

There will be no appeal, we suppose, from such a judgment—at least, not by the antagonists—for it amounts to this, that Lord Macaulay was a great logician, and would have been a great historian if he had not ignored and neglected true and material facts. We thought better of Lord Macaulay, and think better of him still. His road lay through a field full of pitfalls; and all that his "antagonists" urged against him was, that he occasionally stumbled and sometimes fell, and was

This writer's opinion of Lord Macaulay is strange and startling. Thus he introduces his own paper on Junius by the acknowledgment that the Junian controversy is like overripe wine which has lost its flavour-that its only relish is for a few veterans who prefer the old post-road to the modern railway; and he adds, it "was with Macaulay an endless subject of ingenious talk." In this, we presume, the veterans will find their consolation, and again there will be no appeal.

We are then told that Lord Macaulay

contributed himself, two, at least, of the most emarkable collateral proofs which tend to fix the authorship on Francis—the curious error of the English War Office Clerk about the rules of Irish pensions, in the correspondence with Sir William Draper — the personal hostility of the Francis family towards the Luttrells, which accounts for the savage treatment by Junius of such obscure

These, we submit, may have been among the occasions when my Lord ignored or neglected the true and the material. Junius asked Draper whether when he received his halfpay he did not declare on oath that he held no place of profit under the Crown. It appears that "everybody who drew half-pay" in England took such an oath ; but Draper's half-pay was charged on the Irish establishment, where no oath was required. What more natural, said Macaulay, than that Francis, chief clerk in the English Pay Office, should fall into such a mistake? Very natural certainly; but not more so than that "everybody who drew half-pay" in England, or ever had done so-every officer, Member of Parliament, and ten thousand other Englishmen, should stumble after a like fashion. If, indeed, there was one Englishman likely to be better informed, it would have been a clerk in the Pay Office; and Francis before all other clerks, because his father enjoyed a pension of 600l. a year, charged on that same Irish establishment.

As to the "personal hostility of the Francis family towards the Luttrells," and the "savage treatment by Junius of those obscure offenders -it was noticed in this journal [No. 1480] on its first publication, and we can now only

repeat the general facts and argument. In reference to the Junian period, say 1770, and the asserted hostility of Junius to the Luttrells, Lord Macaulay argued that the Luttrells were detested in Ireland, as descendants of the man who "sold the pass," and thus led to the Treaty of Limerick in 1691. This was true, but we must add, as a full development of the truth, that the Luttrells were detested by the Catholic party. "Few Englishmen," we were then told, "can have sympathized with Junius's abhorrence of the Luttrells, or have understood abhorrence of the Luttrens, or have understood it;" whereas Philip Francis was "born and passed the first ten years of his life within a walk of Luttrellstown." Philip Francis was born in Dublin, and Luttrellstown is, we believe, about seven miles from Dublin. Fancy a Protestant child, removed from all such influences before he was ten years old—the son and grandson of Protestant clergymen—from the mere fact of having resided in Dublin, becoming so politically excited by Catholic sympathies as to nurse his wrath and indignation for the remainder of his life! It is much the same as if we were to account for some personal hatred of one of the Members of the Canadian Parliance 1 Canadian Parliament, by the fact that he was born in Cheapside, and therefore within a walk of Finchley Common or Kew Gardens. But whatever may have been the influences of Luttrellstown on the plastic mind of Master Philip, unwilling to be helped out of the pitfall, lest every other boy, and every man, in Dublin the fact of the stumbling should become known. must equally have suffered from it; and there-

fore the fact can have no special application to any one of them: and we mention this that we may not hereafter have to discuss the question with reference to other claimants to the honour of having written the Letters; for the argument would apply with equal, indeed with greater, force to Burke, Boyd, Barré, Flood, Grattan, and numberless others who have been named, all of whom were born, or bred, or both, "within a walk of Luttrellstown,"-that is, in Dublin. It would, indeed, as observed heretofore in this journal,-

have been somewhat more to the purpose had Mr. Macaulay referred for Junius's scorn and indignation, not to the Treaty of Limerick, but to the battle of Middlesex, then actually raging, and in which the faction which fought against the people, and against the rights and liberties of the people, were led on by Henry Luttrell. If there ever was a name hateful and familiar to Englishmen it was that of Luttrell in the day and hour of Junius. Every fact and incident in the history of the family was dug out from the obscurity of the past, and

Like a Luttrell sell the pass-

is an illustration in the 'Scandalous Chronicle.' The assassination of this Luttrell of the Pass was a triumph in imagination over the hated Luttrell of the present, and therefore dragged forward in terrorem : - the sentence on his nephew 'to stand three hours in the pillory with both his ears nailed to it' for perjury.—'The history and remarkable pedigree of Simon Lord Irnham, father of Henry Laws Luttrell' were published and placarded;—the follies, the indiscretions, the vices of Luttrell's boy-hood and college life—the disgraceful story about Miss Bolton, 'and the barbarous treatment she received' ten years before, with his letters to her and to Dr. Kelly,—were now published in the newspapers, and then, having done that hateful service, were reproduced in two substantial volumes. In brief, it is impossible to open a contemporary newspaper or periodical without stumbling on some attack, or defence, or disgraceful anecdote of the Luttrells."

So much for the "obscure offenders." Now for a word or two on the "savage treatment" of the Luttrells "by Junius."

It does happen unfortunately for Lord Macaulay, as before noticed [No. 1480], and it is strange under the circumstances, that "Junius, who was writing with such passionate earnestness and just indignation on the great con-stitutional questions involved in the Middlesex election, and the decision of the House of Commons, mentions Luttrell only incidentally, until, as he said, Lord North did, what even the Duke of Grafton was ashamed to do, took on himself 'the honour of' rewarding his services,-thus making Luttrell a ground of attack on North and Grafton —Luttrell himself, as Junius said, not being worthy of the name of enemy.' Even the shocking anecdote of Luttrell's father which appears as a note to one of the Letters, the introduction to which Mr. Macaulay quotes, was not, it is fair to assume, known to Junius at the time the letter itself was written; for it first appeared as a note in the collected edition of 1772, and was copied by Junius from the newspapers. In fact, and in brief, there is not one single original anecdote about the Luttrells to be found in all Junius's Letters."

We come now to the new facts held to be almost conclusive by Lord Macaulay. Sir Philip Francis, the writer informs us, was a great marginal-note maker, but he, who was present at the sale of Francis's library, observed that "his books of the Junian period were very little noted." This seems to us quite natural. little noted." This seems to us quite natural. Francis was at that time a young man, a clerk in a government office, and so far as we are informed rather fond of "a jolly party"—we use his own words-a trip into the country, or a run anywhere for his week's or his month's holidays. He first took up a position as a politician, and probably as a marginal-note maker, years after, on his return from India. This inference, how-

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ever natural, is, it appears, a mistake. The no-notes are in accordance "with all we must suppose" of Junius-more significant, therefore than any number of notes—as full of meaning as Burleigh's shake of the head.

The next step in the argument is still more riking. "I shall assume at once," says the striking. "I shall assume at once," says the essayist, "Bifrons was the same writer as Junius. The general reasons for the assumption are familiar to those versed in the controversy."

A good bold assumption as a starting point. As to the general reasons with which everybody is familiar, we should like to be informed of them. It does happen that, in 1812, when the letter of Bifrons was first introduced among the Miscellaneous Letters of Junius, Dr. Good neglected to assign reasons, general or special; and, as we believe, no reason has since been given by any one. The letter has been questioned, and the last editor, Mr. Wade, a great stickler for the Miscellaneous Letters, decided that "Bifrons's" had "no signs of Junius"—"unquestionably Bifrons is spurious." Junius inquirers have, indeed, pressed the letter into their service, as is now done by the writer before us, but they always assume" its authenticity, as he has done.

This Bifrons, in his one solitary letter, attacked the Duke of Grafton for his conduct to the Duke of Portland in respect to the grant of Inglewood Forest. Grafton's conduct was brought under consideration in Parliament the newspapers were full of the subject. One of his apologists urged that, as a King's minister, he was not bound to keep a promise which he had made as a private man; and this, he says, "can be supported by the soundest casuists."

On this Bifrons remarks:-

"I am not deeply read in authors of that professed title; but I remember seeing Bassambaum Suarez, Molina, and a score of other Jesuitical books, burnt at Paris for their sound casuistry by the hands of the common hangman."

This brings us to the great revelation. Mr. Hans Stanley was in Paris in 1761 on a diplo-

matic mission :-

"To his despatch [of August 10] is annexed a careful précis, in Downing Street language, of the careful precis, in Downing Street language, of the history of the Jesuits' quarrel with the Parliament, evidently drawn up by one of his subordinates. Inclosed in this precis is the original printed Arrêt de la Cour du Parlement, du 6 Août, 1761, condemning Molina, de Justitid et Jure; Suares, Defensio Fidei Catholice; Busembaum, Theologia Moradis, and several other books of the same class, the half effects of helders for some in Parlia Arrât. to be lacérés et brûlés en la cour du Palais. And a MS. note at the foot of the Arrêt states that the books were burnt on the 7th accordingly."

Francis, we are told, was at that time a "very young" clerk in the Foreign Office; he may, therefore, have been attached to the mission,-"he may have witnessed" the burning of the books,—or "he may have read [the despatch] at his desk in the office,"—and "may have retained it in his tenacious memory, and writing a few years afterwards may have thought proper, for the sake of effect, to represent himself as an eye-witness of what he only knew by

reading."

Lord Macaulay, it appears, was much interested by this discovery. He pronounced positively the letter of Bifrons to be one of Junius's earliest productions, and much preferred the supposition that Bifrons was present at the burning, not only as "the most picturesque," but as "the most probable conjecture." "Depend on it," he concluded, as the Essay concludes, "you have caught Junius in the fact. Francis

office was in Paris, then any clerk in that office may have read the Arrêt; and, therefore, the only clerk who did read it was Francis! Even if these assumptions be conceded, a larger assumption remains - that a clerk, who in his dull, official drudgery had been forced to read the Arrêt, should remember it, and be able to quote it seven years after, and, so far as Francis is concerned, without the opportunity of refreshing his memory; for he had been long removed from the office.

It seems strange, too, to assume that no one but a clerk in the Foreign Office could have read an Arrêt of the Parliament of Paris circulated in every department of France,—published, no doubt, in all the official journals, and reproduced, probably, more or less textually, in one half the newspapers in Europe. The English journals at that time got most of their French news from the Dutch, and were generally content with a paragraph. We have no means of consulting the Paris papers, and our own are almost as difficult to be met with. We have found, however, a copy of the London Chronicle, and there is a whole column and a half devoted to the proceeding against the Jesuits. One paper, the 20th of August, announces that "letters by yesterday's mail bring advice that the Parliament of Paris have enjoined the Jesuits to deliver," &c. ** By another Arrét, the Parliament condemns twenty-four of their books to be burnt by the common hangman; among which is the famous book of Hermannus Bu-

sembaum," &c. On the 22nd, we have a fuller report of proceedings, dated "Paris, Aug. 10," wherein the public are informed that by Arrêt it is decreed that "thirty-three books therein mentioned be torn and burnt in the palace-yard by the hangman." We have little doubt yard by the hangman." that any one who could refer to the French official papers would find a copy of the Arrêt itself. It may be of little consequence, but is just worth notice, that Bifrons did not, as stated

on the authority of Bohn's Junius, spell the names as in the despatch, but wrote them "Bassambaum" and "Saurez," and so they are spelt in the editions of 1812 and 1814. After all, the reader must not lose sight of the especial assumption that Bifrons was Junius; and, unless this be conceded, we have not ad-

vanced one step towards the conclusion aimed at. But the most startling fact is Macaulay's positive conclusion in favour of "the most picturesque"—that "Francis was there"—was in Paris with Mr. Stanley. Mr. Stanley embarked at Dover on the 2nd of May, 1761, and returned to London on the 29th of September. Now, we believe proof exists that Philip Francis was in England during the whole period. We know from private sources that he wrote letters dated from London, and received letters addressed to him in London-was in communication with the Earl of Kinnoul respecting the embassy to Lisbon, and in angry correspondence with his father, then at Margate, about his personal follies, his inexperience, and the misleading influence of some woman, whom we believe to have been Miss Macrabie, whom he married early in the next

year. So much for my Lord's positive conclusion "Francis was there"—that is, in Paris.

The Bifrons letter, be it remembered, was not published before April, 1768; and by that was there!"
We should not object to leave this question without comment to the decision of common sense and common logic. The writer assumes that some clerk in the Secretary of

State's office may have been at Paris with Mr. | a hard and hardworking politician that Mr. | Stanley; and if so, it may have been Francis— | Philip, who had spent his Christmas holidays that if no clerk from the Secretary of State's at Bath, was so fascinated with the place that, in the full bloom of his political fame, he could think of nothing but Bath, and set out again in the middle of these active labours to meet what he calls "a jolly party" there. This Junian phrase helps us to some Junian sentiments— the indignation of both father and son that such fellows as Wilkes and Coates should threaten to visit that city, and, as it were, "triumph over King, Lords, and Constitution." This will be known hereafter.

It would be strange if, after the expression of such opinions—and when, as we were once told to believe, there was such perfect agreement between father and son that they fought together in their chivalry, and that the Letters of Junius were a joint labour of love
—it should turn out that they were in direct opposition, and that the one wrote the attack, and the other aided in the defence. Yet this, however little it may be dreamt of by the Franciscans, would be the inevitable result if they could establish their theory. Junius, as our readers will probably remember, opened his great campaign with an attack on Lord Granby, the patron and friend of Calcraft, who was the patron and friend of the Francis's. was the patron and friend of the Franciss. The Doctor, who had gone to reside at Bath, was horrified at the publication of Junius's attack. Sir William Draper, we now venture to tell them on the authority of unpublished letters, who chanced to be at Bath, consulted him about a reply; and the Doctor was thus enabled to announce to his son, for the information of Calcraft, that a spirited and noble defence would immediately appear. So it did, and then came Junius with the "quip modest." The Doctor was aghast. Who, he wrote to son Philip, is this Junius—this "devil Junius," this "legion of devils"? "Is it Burke's pen dipped in the gall of Sack-ville's heart?" So when, a twelvemonth later, the town was startled by Junius's letter to the King, son Philip began to pray earnestly for peace and quiet; the times, as he wrote, could only please the idle, the thoughtless, men who have nothing to lose. Such opinions were natural to both father and son; to men who were personally indebted to the King for the very bread they ate; but not quite reconcileable with a belief that either father or son were the veritable "devil" himself.—In this way the Junian controversy opened; and it closed with the ultra-loyal letter to Dr. Campbell, which we published two years since [No. 1576] Are these facts to be ignored, or neglected? If not, let the Franciscans reconcile them.

Chess Practice: a Supplement to the Chess-Player's Handbook. By H. Staunton.

Morphy's Games of Chess; with Analytical and Critical Notes. By J. Löwenthal. (Bohn.) THESE chess-twins of Mr. Bohn will be very pleasant reading to those whom they concern, and will form a very pretty addition to the chess-player's library. We do not intend either to criticize the games, or to give any account of the players. Mr. Staunton is well enough known in his own world; and Paul Morphy, who will not be twenty-three years of age until June, has gained the celebrity to obtain which others give their whole lives. In bringing these works before the reader we shall confine ourselves to one point-chess-printing.

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the Queen's Knight's second square. theless, it is still capable of further abbreviation; and, in a book of chess-games, the length of the work is nearly in proportion to the length of the descriptions of the moves. On the Continent the algebraical method, as it is called, is adopted. From one corner of the board, say from the white player's left, the files of squares between the players are lettered a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h; while from the same corner the rows are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Thus the Queen's fourth of the white player is d4; but the Queen's fourth of the black player is d 5. This is a glaring defect, for two reasons. First, the description of the move has no reference to the piece moved: if the piece on d 4 be played to f 6, it is not stated whether a Queen or a Bishop is played. Secondly, the description of the play has no reference to the position of the players; the white plays up the rows 1, 2, 3, &c.; the black

plays down the rows 8, 7, 6, &c. Now it seems to us that the two systems might be easily associated in such a manner that while, as now, the piece moved is named, and the square to which it is moved is described in terms of the player who moves it, the bre-vity of the algebraical description might be retained, and even augmented. Let the King, his Bishop, Knight, and Rook, be denoted by G, B, K, R; let the Queen, her Bishop, Knight, and Rook, be denoted by q, b, k, r. Let the pawns be denoted by accents attached to the symbols of the pieces; thus the Queen's Bishop's pawn is b'. Symbols for taking, checking, &c. might easily be added. To signify that the King's Bishop is moved to the Queen's Bishop's fourth would need only the letters Bb 4: the usual opening move would be G'G 4. Very little practice would as easily take the direction to move the King's Bishop to the Queen's Bishop's fourth from Bb4 as from "K. B. to Q. B. 4th"; perhaps more easily. And this notation would oblige the reader to remember what piece he is reading about : in the games before us, we constantly read about the pawn,

the knight, &c., without any account of what pawn, what knight, &c. The game of chess is regarded by its admirers as a great invention; that is to say, it is sup-posed that the placing the pieces which move straight forwards at the corners, the pieces of mixed move next to them, &c., is all so much discovery, so much invention of the best possible arrangement. We feel sure that no one can know whether this be the case or no and for this reason, that no one has evolved the consequences of any other arrangement. The actual game, with all the study which has been given to it, occupies a noble position among games; but it may be that another arrange ment of moves might have given more variety of resource. Be this how it may, we are satisfied that the question how much of a good player is learning, and how much is genius, can only be settled in the following way. Let the two players contend in the usual way, until it is settled which is the better man at the game as it stands. Then let them try against each other with the pieces changed in position, as the King flanked by the Knights, the Bishops at the corners, &c. Would the best man at the common game be the best man at the new game? That is what we should like to see tried. Our proposal will horrify the regular player, who looks upon the fundamentals of the present game as a kind of facts of consciousness. And, no doubt, he will have a clear and fixed opinion about the result of the trial we have proposed; to which opinion we have but to say that we should like to see it tried.

Diary of the American Revolution. From Newspapers and Original Documents. By Frank Moore. 2 vols. (New York, Scribner; London, Low & Co.)

WHEN Hester Thrale married Signor Piozzi the music-master, that awful conglomeration of pretentious absurdities called Society was rent in twain with dissensions, sarcasm, anger, jealousy and indignation. Individuals went mad with partizanship—for society, against the lady. A few went half mad with the same disease, maintaining the rights and independence of the married couple—lady of blood older than the Norman, and parvenu swain from Italy of no blood at all. Private letters made of the celebrated pair a favourite theme for use and abuse; and newspapers indulged in scur-rilities to an extent which was hardly reached when the Bull was famous, the Age infamous, and the Satirist execrable. The married pair withdrew from before the storm. When this had blown over they returned from abroad, and found among the first to invite them to a quiet, friendly dinner-Lysons, the Antiquary. The banquet and the evening were thoroughly enjoyed, and Hester Piozzi expressed her joyous satisfaction and her delight at this commencement of an era of peace. She wished for oblivion of all past unpleasantnesses, saw that such blessed era was commencing, and then-giving the conversation a literary turninquired what the famous antiquary and collector had in those huge pasteboard boxes in the library, where the party was dining. "Ah," said Lysons, "they are materials for history, consisting of a collection I have made of all the letters written, all the things said, and all the extraordinary matter published about your marriage!" To her dying day poor Mrs. Piozzi had a horror of that collection! All her hopes of oblivion and misrepresentation were crushed. and although Lysons's collection was never published, she never got over the feeling that one day it would be, and that much which might conveniently be forgotten would be preserved in the memories of a generation to which she would be a stranger.

In the volumes before us Mr. Frank Moore has done some such ill service to the chief parties in the great family-quarrel between England and America, as Lysons did in the above more private matter. He has strung together newspaper-cuttings from both Whig and Tory sides; extracts from letters written by Rebels and Loyalists; and citations from diaries written, as diaries generally are, with a charming misconception of most things that are going on out of range of the writer's eye-The confusion of ideas on the part of the reader is, consequently, immense; but he is in some sort placed in the position of those readers of the revolutionary period who perused every scrap of news which came in their way. The compiler takes care to-name the sources from which his extracts are made, by way of guide, as he says, in ascertaining the value of the assertions set down in an historical point of view. He does not say whether the Whig or Tory side is to be considered as the more authentic; but he requests us to "keep in mind the truth that the errors and lampoons of a period belong as much to its history as the facts and flatteries," which, to our thinking, very much depends upon circumstances.

The staple of these volumes consists of accounts of battles, skirmishes, and political proceedings. These we pass by, to quote a few samples of social manners and morals during the period of that great struggle, which has left on this side of the ocean no ill feeling, though it is the side of the vanquished party; Thomas Gage.

but which, on the side of the victors, seems to have been followed by a rancour and coarse-ness little akin either to romantic chivalry or ordinary common sense. The feeling with which some of the ladies threw themselves into the contest is thus evidenced :-

"We hear that the young ladies of Amelia County, in Virginia, considering the situation of their country in particular, and that of the United States in general, have entered into a resolution not to permit the addresses of any person, be his circumstances or situation in life what they will, unless he has served in the American armies long enough to prove by his valour that he is deserving of their love."

Marriages were, of course, frequent. is one, with a pleasant, primitive tone about it: "Married, a short time since, in Mansfield, Connecticut, Mr. Luke Flint, of Windham, to Miss Mary Slate, daughter of Mr. Ezekiel Slate, —an agreeable and happy pair. What deserves the public notice, and may serve to encourage the manufacturers of this country, is, that the enter-tainment, though served up with good wine, and other spirituous liquors, was the production of their fields and fruit-gardens, assisted alone by a neigh-houring grove of spontaneous maples. The bride bouring grove of spontaneous maples. and two of her sisters appeared in very gentsel-like gowns, and others of the family in handsome apparel, with sundry silk handkerchiefs, &c., entirely of their own manufacture."

In some cases the purest of the patriots might have done well had they exhibited the same respect for this ceremony as Luke Flint and Mary Slate. The following is from the Con-

"Day before yesterday, Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, passed through Hartford, in Connecticut, on his way to Governor Trumbull, at Lebanon. Mr. Franklin is a noted Tory, and ministerial tool, and has been exceedingly busy in perplexing the cause of liberty, and in serving the signs of the British King and his minions. people of the Jerseys, on account of his principles, connections, abilities, and address, viewed him as a mischievous and dangerous enemy in that province, and consequently thought it expedient to remove him, under a strong guard, to Connecticut. He is safely arrived, and will probably have leisure to reconnoitre his past life. He is son to Dr. Benjamin Franklin, the genius of the day, and the great patron of American Liberty. If his excellency escapes the vengeance of the people, due to the enormity of his crimes his redemption will to the enormity of his crimes, his redemption will flow, not from his personal merit, but from the high esteem and veneration which this country entertains for his honored father.'

The relative position of this celebrated father and his Loyalist son is thus explained in a note: "William Franklin, the last royal governor of New Jersey, was the natural son of Dr. Franklin, He was born in 1731; was appointed governor in 1763, and continued in office until he was sent to Connecticut. On his release he went to England, where he died on the 17th of November, 1813."

As a sequence to marriages, the following notices are not inappropriate. The first allude to the old Revolutionary colours still preserved by the Edinburgh Review:

"January 7.—This morning, the sixth daughter of Capt. Bancroft, of Dunstable, Massachusetts, was baptized by the name of Martha Dandridge, the maiden name of his Excellency General Washington's lady. The child was dressed in buff and blue, with a sprig of evergreen on its head emblematic of his Excellency's glory and provincial affection.

Of course, there were wilful young mothers who would name their children in a sense complimentary to "the other side;" but see what came of the wilfulness:-

"The following odd affair happened at Strat-ford, in Connecticut, a few days ago:—A child of Mr. Edwards, of that place, was baptized by the Rev. Mr.—, of Norwalk, and named Thomas Gage. This alarmed the neighbourhood,

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and one hundred and seventy young ladies formed themselves into a battalion, and with solemn ceremony appointed a general and the other officers But the struggle had its amenities of which to lead them en. The petiticoat army then marched in the greatest good order to pay their compliments to Thomas Gage, and present his mother with a suit of tar and feathers; but Thomas's sire having them from entering his house, so that the female soldiers returned to head-quarters without effecting what they intended, and disbanded themselves."

This was energetic; indeed, energy marked everybody and everything in those stirring times. A "negro-fellow" being corrected, that is, flogged, by his master, an apostle of liberty, takes his own way of establishing his freedom,

takes his own way of establishing his freedom, by destroying his master's property; and he is burnt alive, in 1775, for applying to his own case what the country at large was beginning to do in their case. There is something more humorous in the following:—

"The method lately used in New York to post up inflammatory handbills was the same used in England at the time of the Pretender. It was done by a man who carried a little boy in a box like a magic lantern, and while he leaned against the wall, as if to rest himself, the boy drew back the slide, pasted on the paper, and shutting himself up again, the man took the proper occasion to walk off to another resting-place."

All this was for the furtherance of the cause of liberty. As a sample how the Loyalists were

of liberty. As a sample how the Loyalists were treated by the opposite party, the subjoined are favourable, or rather unfavourable, speci-

"February 27.—Some time ago, Dr. Clarke, of Reading, a gentleman distinguished by a firm attach-ment to the King and the constitution, was seized in the township of Hartford, Connecticut, and to the indelible disgrace of their police, carried upon a rail about the parish, under which cruelty he several times fainted. When dismissed by his tormentors, and examined by Dr. Tidmarsh, he was found to be injured in a manner unfit for description. The doctor was menaced with the same treatment for his humanity to the sufferer, whose only crime was speaking in terms of respect of the King, and of his government."

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If gentlemen were thus treated for desiring to enjoy freedom of opinion, we cannot be surprised that a King's tax-gatherer came in but for rough visitation:—

"March 13.—A few days ago, a certain Byrns, a young man lately from England, who has acted in the capacity of a tax-gatherer, near Georgetown, Pennsylvania, but who lately sold his commission, and probably spent the money, stopped two wagons, on their way from Duck Creek, Cross Roads, to the head of Chester, and seized them as forfeited to the king for reasons best known to himself, and made king for reasons best known to himself, and made their drivers follow him with them to Downes tavern. Stepping in there to get a drink, he presently came out, and missing the wagons, pushed presently came out, and missing the wagons, pushed after, soon overtook them, and was returning, when several young men met him, knocked up his heels, and then took his gun, laid it in the road and made the wagons drive over it twice or thrice, till they had rendered it entirely useless. They then tied a grape vine, provided for that purpose, about his neck, and dragged him to a mill not far distant, where they primed him over a little, not having a sufficient quantity of varnish to give him a complete sufficient quantity of varnish to give him a complete gloss, then gently sprinkling the feathers of an old pillow over that, they led him into Georgetown, where they drenched him with Newberry rum-andwater taken from a duck-hole, until it began to work unpleasantly. They then led him, like a victim, unto a duck-hole, where they launched him in with such swiftness that the other shore brought him up. In this situation they had him some time; at last they made him fast with a grape vine, and brought him to a confession. He damned Bute, North, and all their brethren and followers, and said that the Americans were a generous, spirited, and much injured people: They then gave him a terrestrial absolution, on condition that he would immediately transport himself to Europe, and there

here is a pleasant sample:—
"September 15.—An officer in Boston writes
thus to his father in London:—'Why should I
complain of hard fate? General Gage and his family have for this month past lived upon salt provisions. Last Saturday, General Putnam in the true style of resentment and smooths the horrors of war when discipline will permit, sent a present to the General's lady of a fine fresh quarter of veal, which was very acceptable, and received the return of a very polite card of thanks."

That the contest had its gentle and noble heroines, too, there are many proofs in these volumes, and here is one of them:—

"Last week, died at Hammersmith, in England, Mrs. Ross, celebrated for her beauty and constancy. Having met with opposition in her engagement with Captain Charles Ross, she followed him in men's clothes, to America, where, after such a research and fatigue as scarce any of her sex could research and fatigue as scarce any of her sex could have undergone, she found him in the woods lying for dead, after a skirmish with the Indians, and with a poisoned wound. Having previously studied surgery in England, she, with an ardour and vigilance which only such a passion could inspire, saved his life by sucking his wound, the only expedient that could have effected it at the crisis he was in, and nursing him with scarce a covering from the sky for the space of six weeks. During this time she remained unsuspected by him, having dyed her skin with lime and bark; and keeping to a man's habit, still supported by the transport of hearing his unceasing aspirations of love and regret for that dear though (he then thought) distant object of his soul, being charged by him with trans-mitting to her (had the captain died) his remains, mitting to her (had the captain died) his remains, and dying asseverations of constancy and gratitude for the unparalleled care and tenderness of his nurse, the bearer of them; but, recovering, they removed into Philadelphia, where, as soon as she had found a clergyman to join her to him for ever, she appeared as herself, the priest accompanying her. They lived for the space of four years in a fondness almost ideal to the present age of corruption, and that could only be interrupted by her declining health, the fatigue she had undergone and declining health, the fatigue she had undergon the poison not properly expelled which she had im-bibedfrom his wound, undermining her constitution. The knowledge he had of it, and piercing regret at having been the occasion, affecting him still more sensibly, he died with a broken heart last spring at John's Town, in New York. She lived to return and implore forgiveness of her family, whom she had distressed so long by their ignorance of her destiny. She died, in consequence of her grief and affection, at the age of twenty-six."

The drum ecclesiastic was also stoutly beaten in triumph or in clamour. Here is a remon-

Trumph or in camoun. Tree is a terminal strating tap:

"Nathan Kerr, the pastor of Goshen, in New York, in a sermon delivered the last shearing-time to his flock, previous to the sending his deacons among them to collect the fleece, used many curious and pathetic arguments to induce them to pay in their several subscriptions with a proper allowance for the depreciation of the paper currency. He complained much of the injustice of rency. He complained much of the injustice of a contrary conduct, and charged the neglect of the ministers in this respect, upon them, as one of those crying sins which had called down so many heavy judgments on their heads. That these might heavy judgments on their heads. That these might be removed he strongly recommended to them to repent, particularly of the heinous sin of defrauding the ministers. Then with uplifted eyes and hands, and plaintive tone of voice, addressed himself to the Almighty in nearly the following words:

'O God! our corn is blasted! our fruit is all cut off! our flax is caught under the snow, so that we shall soon have neither shirt nor shift! And what, of God! dot! You intend to do with thy people oh God! dost You intend to do with thy people

The Generals themselves were not without anxiety for the clothing of their men. But,—
"Among the suggestions for relief is the follow-

ing by Governor Livingston, published in this day's gazette:—'I am afraid that while we are employed in furnishing our battalions with clothing, we forget the county of Bergen, which alone is sufficient amply to provide them with winter waistcoats and breeches, from the redundance and superfluity of certain woollen habits, which are at present applied to no kind of use whatsoever. It is well known that the rural ladies in that part of New Jersey, pride themselves in an incredible number of petticoats; which like house furniture, are displayed by way of ostentation, for many years played by way of ostentation, for many years before they are decreed to invest the fair bodies of the proprietors. Till that period they are never worn, but neatly piled up on each side of an immense escritoire, the top of which is decorated with a most capacious brass-clasped Bible, seldom read. What I would, therefore, humbly propose read. What I would, therefore, humbly propose to our superiors, is to make prize of these future female habiliments, and, after proper transformation, immediately apply them to screen from the inclemencies of the weather those gallant males who are now fighting for the liberties of their country. And to clear this measure from every imputation of injustice, I have only to observe, that the generality of the women in that country, having for above a century worn the breeches, it is highly reasonable that the men should now, and especially upon so important an occasion, make booty of the petticoats."

We close the volumes with the remark, that they are highly misleading, still more highly

they are highly misleading, still more highly mischievous; occasionally amusing, and with an affected fairness of indiscriminate collection of gatherings, which is, however, studiously made to gratify the vanity and keep warm the ran-cour of the victors in the great struggle.

Poems before Congress. By Elizabeth Barrett Browning. (Chapman & Hall.)

Mrs. Browning is in this book authoritatively dithyrambic, blessing or banning as suits an anointed priestess. She is more political than poetical, expressing her blind faith in Napoleon the Third as the hope of Italy, and flinging out a malediction against England,-infallible, arrogant; yet, nevertheless, "with a difference," poetical. She may not have been born to be a Thalestris; but as she has of late selected buckler and mail, and (as the Americans say) "thrashed into" the world of polemics, her old friends and admirers can but thank the Gods for her poetry, and leave her politics to those who have stomach for them.

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How shall we best give an idea of this pamphlet of sixty pages? It must first be remarked that Mrs. Browning's Art suffers from the violence of her temper. Choosing to scold, she forgets how to sing. In the verse which we quote, there is not so much of lute as of marrow-bone and cleaver :-

Whone and Creaver:—
Florence, Bologna, Parma, Modena.
When you named them a year ago,
So many graves reserved by God, in a
Day of judgment, you seemed to know,
To open and let out the resurrection.

Surely the above jingle reminds us of the

Jacobite ballad:— 'Ken ye what's the rhyme to porringer?
The Duke of York had one daughter,
And he gave the Prince of Orange her.

Mrs. Browning's 'Tale of Villafranca' (it may be remembered) appeared in the Athenaum. Her present pamphlet opens with a posan to the Emperor of the French, and ends with a curse to England, whereof the following is the

Because ye have broken your own chain
With the strain
Of brave men climbing a Nation's height,
Yet thence bear down with brand and thong
On souls of others,—for this wrong
This is the curse. Write.

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Because yourselves are standing straight
In the state
Of Freedom's foremost acolyte,
Yet keep calm footing all the time
On writhing bond-slaves,—for this crime
This is the curse. Write.

Because ye prosper in God's name,
With a claim
To honor in the old world's sight,
Ye do the fiend's work perfectly
In strangling martyrs,—for this lie
This is the curse. Write.

Ye shall watch while kings conspire Round the people's smouldering fire, And, warm for your part, Shall never dare—O shame! Shall never dare—O shame!
To utter the thought into flame
Which burns at your heart.
This is the curse. Write.

Ye shall watch while nations strive With the bloodhounds, die or survive, Drop faint from their jaws, Or throttle them backward to death, And only under your breath
Shall favour the cause.
This is the curse. Wr Write.

Ye shall watch while strong men draw The nets of feudal law To strangle the weak, And, counting the sin for a sin, Your soul shall be sadder within Than the word ye shall speak.

This is the curse. Write.

When good men are praying erect That Christ may avenge his elect And deliver the earth, The prayer in your ears, said low, Shall sound like the tramp of a foe That's driving you forth. This is the curse. Write.

When wise men give you their praise,
They shall pause in the heat of the phrase,
As if carried too far.
When ye boast your own charters kept true,
Ye shall blush;—for the thing which ye do
Derides what ye are.
This is the curse. Write.

When fools cast taunts at your gate,

When fools cast taunts at your gate,
Your scorn ye shall somewhat abate
As ye look o'er the wall,
For your conscience, tradition, and name
Explode with a deadlier blame
Than the worst of them all.
This is the curse. Write.

Go, wherever ill deeds shall be done. Go, wherever ill deeds shall be done, Go, plant your flag in the sun Beside the ill-doers! And recoil from clenching the curse of God's witnessing Universe With a curse of yours.

This is the curse. Write.

The terrible assumption of vain-glory, that those whom the poetess curses must be acinfallibility as regards Italian men and affairs,-French relations, - English abominations, and every grave, intricate question which makes men weigh, wait and suspend the sledge-hammer or—the curse. For all this, Mrs. Browning is here, as before, a real poetess,one of the few among the few,—one who has written, in her time, better than the best of English poetesses,—and proves the same on this occasion, by taking to its extremity the right of "insane prophet" to lose his head, and to loose his tongue.

Irvingiana: a Memorial of Washington Irving. (New York, Richardson; London, Low & Co.)

Any one who buys this publication, hoping to find in it a collection of new anecdotes about the popular American author whose name figures in the title, will be disappointed. Had it been an attempt at a biography, out of respect to the subject of it we should have given it a hearty welcome; but as it is, and professes to be, nothing more than a scrap-book collection of the newspaper accounts of Irving's funeral, the most favourable criticisms on his works to be found in the public journals, the orations pronounced in honour of his memory by various distinguished American authors, and a very few stray stories (for the most part old ones) of him and his friends, worked up with meagre data taken from 'Men of the Time' and Allibone's Dictionary, we have little to say about it in the way of comment. Of his introduction to Washington at the early age of five years,

the General's biographer used to give the following account:-

"There was some celebration, some public affair going on in New York, and the General was there to participate in the ceremony. My nurse, a good old Scotchwoman, was very anxious for me to see him, and held me up in her arms as he rode past. This, however, did not satisfy her; so the next day, when walking with me in Broadway, she espied him in a shop, she seized my hand and darting in, exclaimed in her bland Scotch:—'Please, your Excellency, here's a bairn that's called after ye!' General Washington then turned his benevolent face full upon me, smiled, laid his hand upon my head, and gave me his blessing, which I have reason to believe has attended me through life. I was but five years old, yet I can feel that hand upon my head even now.

From a paper by John Neal is re-printed the following accurate sketch of Geoffrey Crayon, whose proneness to slumber at dinnerparties was good-humouredly noticed by Disraeli in 'Vivian Grey,' where the unscrupu-lous Vivian writes, "Poor Washington! poor Washington! I knew him well in London. He always slept at dinner. One day, he was dining at Mr. Hallam's; they took him, when asleep, to Lady Jersey's rout; and to see the Sieur Geoffrey, when he opened his eyes in the illumined saloons, was really quite admirable, quite an Arabian tale." Neal's portrait is

minute and life-like: "He is, now, in his fortieth year; about five feet seven; agreeable countenance; black hair; manly complexion; fine hazel eyes, when lighted up, heavy in general; talks better than he writes, when worthily excited; but falls asleep—literally asleep in his chair—at a formal dinner-party, in high life; half the time in a revery; little impediment—a sort of uneasy, anxious, catching respiration of the voice, when talking zealously; writes a small, neat hand, like Montgomery, Allan Cunningham, or Shee (it is like that of each); indolent; nervous; irritable; easily depressed; easily disheartened; very amiable; no appearance of especial refinement; nothing remarkable, nothing uncommon about him;—precisely such a man, to say all in a word, as people would continually overlook, pass by without notice, or forget after dining with him, unless peradventure, his name were mentioned: in which case-odds bobs!-they are all able to recall something remarkable in his way of sitting, eating, or looking-though, like Oliver Goldsmith himself, he had never opened his mouth, while they were near or sat, in a high chair-as far into it as he could get-with his toes just reaching the floor.

From Blackwood is extracted the report of an engagement between Washington Irving and the Empress Maria Louisa, which was announced in the Number of August, 1826, as "the last news from Italy." If Irving's residence in Italy gave rise to this good story, his sojourn in Granada did yet more-for it conferred lasting distinction on his guide, Mateo Jimenez, and also on Mateo's son, José:— "A traveller who recently visited the Alhambra

was immediately taken possession of, upon his arrival at Granada, by a youth of the town, who produced his plenipotentiary powers over English-speaking strangers in the following card:—'Granada. José Jimenez, (son of Mateo Jimenez, guide to Washington Irving,) a native of the Alhambra, respectfully offers his services, to accompany strangers, travellers, and visitors, to the Palace of the Alhambra and the environs of the abovenamed Capital; for which his intimate acquaintance with the antiquities and beauties which distinguish Granada eminently qualify him.

Here and there we get a valuable insight into Irving's character and tastes at different periods of his life. Like Sheridan and a host of other men celebrated for their intellect, he was deemed in the nursery a dull child. When he was about eight years of age, he came home one day from the dame's school, in which he acquired the rudiments of knowledge, and said to his

mother,-"The Madame says I am a dunce; isn't-it a pity?" In his prime Irving, like nearly all men who achieve much in life, was an early riser, and worked hard during the first hours of the day. Longfellow one morning passing his house at six o'clock saw the study window wide open, and on mentioning it afterwards to Irving, was answered, "Yes, I am always at my work as early as six." In his later days he cared to read no poetry that was not written by the great poets of his youth— Byron, Moore, Scott. But to the last he was a warm admirer of Charles Dickens. "Dickens," he was fond of saying, "is immeasurably above his contemporaries, and 'David Copperfield' is his master production." When Irving was in Edinburgh, he met at Scott's table, in Castle Street, the Ettrick Shepherd, who amused the company not a little by the ease and freedom of his manner in the presence of his social superiors:

Quite a number of the literati had been asked to meet the rustic poet at dinner. When Hogg entered the drawing-room, Lady Scott, being in delicate health, was reclining on a sofa. After being presented, he took possession of another sofa opposite to her and stretched himself thereupon at full length, for as he afterwards said 'I thought I could do no wrong to copy the lady, of the house.' The dress of the 'Ettrick Shepherd' at that time was precisely that in which any ordinary herdsman attends cattle to the market, and as his hands, moreover, bore most legible marks of a recent sheepshearing, the lady of the house did not observe with perfect equanimity the novel usage to which her chintz was exposed. Hogg, however, remarked nothing of all this—dined heartily and drank freely, and by jest, aneedote, and song, afforded great meriment to all the company. As the wine operated, his familiarity increased and strengthened; from 'Mr. Scott' he advanced to Shirra' (Sheriff), and thence to 'Scott,' 'Shirra' (Sheriff), and thence to 'Scott,' 'Walter', and 'Wattie', until at length he fairly convulsed the whole party by addressing Mrs. Scott as 'Char-

A story told by Irving to a visitor as they stood munching apples under one of the appletrees at Sunnyside is a happy illustration of the amiability, as well as humour, of the man:-

"I was watching the workmen, directing this one and that one, lest the idea of my fancy might not be realized, when, in turning, my eye caught this apple-tree, loaded with its fruit (just as your eye did). It was a day like this, one of our October days-our Highland October days-such as one lights upon nowhere else in the world. And this apple-tree bere that year as it does not bear every year, yet just like this. Well I left my workmen and my talk (just as you did), and ate one of these windfalls (just as you did), and liked it (just as you did), and then I tried to knock some down (just as did). Now while I was enjoying these fine apples (it was for the first time) * *
little urchin—such as infest houses in building ragged little urchin, out at the knees, and out at the elbows—came up to me and said, sotto voce, 'Mister, do you love apples?'—'Ay, that I do,' said I. 'Well come with me, and I'll show you where are some better than them are.'—'Ah,' said I, 'where are they?' 'Just over the hill there,' said he. — 'Well, show me, 'said I.—' Come along,' said the little thief, 'but don't let the old man see us.' So I went with him—and stole my own apples."

Let us for the present take farewell of the kind old man with a glance at a tender and pathetic picture. It is well known to all who care about Irving that he was engaged in early manhood to a young lady (a daughter of Judge Hoffman), who died ere she had become a bride. To this first love the author of 'The Sketch-Book' rendered the homage of a generous regret that endured throughout life. A writer in the Richmond County Gazette says :-

"It happened, not long ago, that during a visit to Sunnyside while Mr. Irving was absent, our in-formant was quartered in Mr. I.'s own apartment,

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and very deeply it touched him to notice, that up-on the table which stood by the bedside, always within reach, there was lying an old and well-worn within reach, there was lying an old and well-worn copy of the Bible, with the name in a lady's delicate hand on the title page, 'M—— H——.' More than half a century had passed away, and still the old bachelor of seventy-five drew his daily comfort from this cherished memento of the love of his youth.

Of the funeral orations, or valedictory ad-dresses, or whatever else they may be called, with which 'Irvingiana' concludes, we cannot speak in flattering terms, although amongst their deliverers are George Bancroft and Longfellow. They lack both feeling and artistic polish; and exhibit, in their awkwardness and constrained extravagances, the dissatisfaction of their speakers at being called upon to attempt a kind of eloquence in which no one but a Frenchman could hope to succeed.

NEW NOVELS.

Too Much Alone. By G. F. Trafford. 3 vols. (Skeet.)—We can cordially recommend 'Too Much Alone to any reader in quest of a thoroughly good novel, and we only wish them as much pleasure as we have derived from the perusal of it ourselves. It is a well-conceived, well-wrought-out story, which has an air of human truth and reality about it which novels do not often possess; but we regard it less as a present success than the commencement of a successful career, which we trust the author will have the needful industry and patience to work out. The character of Maurice Storn, the absorbed chemist, devoted to his science, loving his wife, but neglecting her for his beloved chemistry until he has nearly shipwrecked her honour and his own happiness, is well sustained and well conceived; worked out to powerful effect, and yet without the worked out to powerful effect, and yet without the least touch of exaggeration. The straightforward single-mindedness with which he makes good his mistakes, and redeems wrong with right, is true and well done. Maurice is the strongest and best character in the story. The chemical details are managed with singular tact and skill, and we are much mistaken if the reader will not find himself sharing the interest of Maurice Storn himself for making sulphuric acid and cyanogen. Lina, the wife of Storn, is very charming; her strength, her weakness, her temptation, her noble self-recovery, are all touched-in with a knowledge of woman nature, which gives it the air of being a study from the life rather than an ideal made out of the writer's brain. The story falls into an artistic writer's brain. The story falls into an artistic shape, and is trimmed to a legitimate beginning, middle and end, with a symmetry that does not often occur in actual life, still it has an air of veracity which is pleasant and homely; we might compare it to a pebble polished by a skilful lapidary, who has brought out delicate shades and veins which were not visible when it lay on the coarse readside. We have purposely abstained from in. which were not visible when it lay on the coarse roadside. We have purposely abstained from indicating the details of the story; but we can assure all whom it may concern that they will find 'Too Much Alone' very pleasant to read.

The Earl's Cedars. By the Author of 'Smugglers and Foresters,' &c. (Booth.)—The authoress of 'The Earl's Cedars' loves a wild sea-coast, with stores weeks semicology and coast careful methods.

storms, wrecks, smugglers and coast-guard men, with a seafaring peasantry, living in their rude, but not comfortless cottages around. She describes all these things with a natural, living truthfulness which makes them pleasant to the reader in the present story of 'The Earl's Cedars.' All these natural "properties"—to use the theatrical word -are the set-scenes for the drama, and extremely well they are done: the story, too, ought to have been a capital story; but somehow it is hazy and heavy,—it is muffled in mystery, which does not clear off brightly. The climax is not worked up-indeed, the author fairly turns her back upon itand the reader, who has never been clearly able to make out who is alive and who is dead, or who has come to life, nor whether there has really been any foul play, or only very bad intentions, is left at the last almost as uncertain as he has been all along. The actors in the story die, get married,

or murdered, or kidnapped, and cannot be found when most wanted; and the patient reader only hears in the most incidental way what it is that has happened. The incidents of the whole story are like fireworks made with damp powder, which ought to be brilliant, but they hang fire, and won't

blaze at all.

Straight Forward, and Patience Hart; or, the
Dissembler. By F. C. Lefroy. (Mozley.)—The
first of these stories is nothing particular; but the
second, 'Patience Hart,' is rather remarkable. It
indicates a faculty for delineating the more subtle
workings of the proverbially deceifful human heart,
showing bow a grand quality left unwatched will showing how a grand quality left unwatched will run into a hateful vice,—for in the moral, quite as much as in the physical world, it is the proportion of things which makes them beautiful or monof things which makes them beautiful or mon-strous; but it is not easy to know where a quality ends, and where its defect or its exaggeration begins. The story of 'Patience Hart' deals with this difficult phase of things: it is short, sketchy, and, as a mere story, unsatisfactory. It lacks the finish of practised and skilful authorship; but there is a quality in it which makes up tellings that the author. quality in it which makes us believe that the author is capable of a more sustained effort, and able to turn out a better completed piece of work.

Mademoiselle Mori: a Tale of Modern Rome.

vols. (Parker & Son.)— Mademoiselle Mori' is intended for something more than a mere interesting tale; it aims at proving that even in the years of revolution, Italians were in every way capable of self-government. The episodes which touch upon the stirring events of the period are the most forcibly written parts of the book, but they are evidently penned by one whose views are biassed by pleasant recollections of Italy,-indeed, so much so, that where in most instances a political novelist would have introduced a characterinto his story, as representing the opinion of the party opposed to his own, the Author of 'Mademoiselle Mori' has not done so, thus ren-Mademoiselle Mori as not done so, thus rendering her characters singularly unanimous in their opinions. Whoever is in possession of the facts attending the accession of Pius IX. to the papal chair, and his subsequent career until the storming of Rome by the French, will have an idea of the beside on which their their founded idea of the basis on which this tale is founded. Its heroes are Vincenzo Moore, or Mori, and his sister Irene, the orphan children of an English artist, who while on a visit to Italy in pursuit of his studies, had married a Neapolitan lady, and had settled there. Their premature deaths left the two children dependent upon their own resources for a livelihood. A happy talent for sculpture, which soon discovered itself in the young Vincenzo, enables him to support his sister and their old housekeeper, him to support his sister and their our nousekeeper, Nanna, until on one festa day, having essayed to gather for his sister some wild flowers over-hanging the Bosco, he lost his footing and was pre-cipitated to the bottom of the rock. Thus crippled for life, he was no longer able to earn the small pittance that had enabled him to secure a home. Day after day, articles were sent by Nanna to the "Monta di Pieta." One day on her way thither, she found a bracelet of some value, which Vincenzo insisted should be returned, if possible, to its owner. This proved to be a Mrs. Dalzell, an English lady staying at Rome for the benefit of her health, who, on discovering the circumstances of the children, took them under her protection. A taste for music which soon manifested itself in Irene induced that lady to place her under the tuition of a Madame Marriotti, who eventually introduces her to the Roman Public, with whom she soon becomes a favourite cantatrice. In one of the excursions which she makes with Mrs. Dalzell, Irene becomes acquainted with an Italian youth, Leone Nota by name, the author of certain patriotic anonymous verses, which, at that time, had a great circulation among Roman Liberals. A mutual attachment springs up between them, and henceforth Vincenzo's springs up between them, and henceforth vincenzo's room becomes the focus of all the Liberal plottings. In the young Count Clementi, Leone finds a rival for the love of Irene. Refused by her in marriage, the Count, nevertheless, with a view of ruining her betrothed, feigns himself a Liberal, and enters into his plans for the establishment of a Liberal régime. He thus obtains the means of informing against him, and thereby of ridding himself of an opponent.

Affairs at Rome had now reached their culminating point. Pius IX. having declared himself a Libera Leone, the anonymous poet, becomes one of the leading men of the day. With popularity comes its penalties: he quits the city with the volunteers under General Durando, leaving Irene in charge of Vincenzo, open to all the machinations of Clementi; nor does he return until that gallant band had almost all succumbed to the ravages of fever and the attacks of the enemy. About this time, the murder of Count Rossi, the advocate of Reform, aroused the Liberals to an appreciation of their danger. The author of the tale has very prettily described how Irene sought the Count very prettily described how Irene sought the Count before the fatal event, and endeavoured to dissuade him from proceeding to the Cancelleria, where he met his death. The siege of Rome soon followed upon that crime. In it Leone received a wound, from which he subsequently died, leaving Irene and Vincenzo to mourn his loss. Clementi, the conspi-rator, meets with a due reward for his treachery. rator, meets with a due reward for his treachery. His sister Gemma, who had long been at enmity with him on account of his refusing his consent to her marriage with a Roman named Ravelli, to whom she had long been attached, discovers that he holds secret communication with the chief of the Gregoriani, his uncle, from whom, in public, he appears to be quite estranged. She informs Ravelli of an interview which she witnessed between them and the recovery. them, and the young Liberal loses no time in ac-quainting his party of it. Clementi, pursued by the mob, finds a means of escape through the generosity of Vincenzo and Leone, to spend the remainder of his days in exile. With Mrs. Dalzell we have but little to do: she is only an instrument in the hands of the author for extricating the two leading characof the author for extreasing the two leading charac-ters from the humble position in which the accident at the Bosco had placed them. It cannot be said that this tale of Modern Rome has any mark of originality. Take away the events of the period originality. Take away the events of the period on which it has been founded, and the tissue that remains will be bald and colourless. But notwithstanding these drawbacks, 'Mademoiselle Mori' is a work of some promise.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Story of the Patriarchs. By Mrs. Henry Lynch. (Shaw.)—This story is a simple tale, written for children, from the Bible and from other Eastern books. The clear and clever way of arranging the events makes it more easy for little folks to follow the history of Abraham and Isaac than is possible at first in the great Book itself. There is a little too much sermon perhaps in Mrs. Lynch's manner; but probably she knows best. Our children will not read the moral, if they can

Our children will not read the moral, if they can help it,—certainly not, while there is any part of the story left untold. The book is nicely written; and is imbued with a religious spirit throughout.

The Practical Results of the Reform Act of 1832.
By Sir John Walsh, Bart., M.P. (Murray.)—Sir John Walsh is a Tory of the ancient school, who regards the Reform Bill of 1832 as a measure which regards the reform Bill of 1852 as a measure which has rendered it the most difficult task to carry on any government at all in this country. What, he asks, if another such Bill should render govern-ment impossible? As there are gentlemen who have been improved out of their estates, so there have been improved out of their estates, so there are nations which may be reformed out of their liberties. The entire volume is a protest, such as that to which the world listened—or rather did not listen—in the days when Harry Brougham's head, to the amusement of some and the regret of many, had been compressed within the Lord Chancellor's wig. It is too political,—too much in the form of an elongated leading article or a written parliamentary speech—which the Baronet perhaps is not long-winded enough to deliver—for us to handle. We pass it over to such controversialists as deal with party questions, and who believe that as deal with party questions, and who believe that England has prospered somewhat, in all that "constitutes a State," since the rotten boroughs were partially broken up and the great towns

were partially broken up and the great towns enfranchised twenty-seven years ago.

The Christian Classics: Extracts from the Fathers, Historians, and other Writers of the Church. Literally Translated. (Dublin, Kelly.)—A useful manual for those who would attain to a general acquaintance with the early Christian

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writers. It begins with quotations of sacred history from Sulpicius Severus, and developes a regular course, so to speak, of extracts through the works of Eusebius, Socrates, Sozomen, St. Cyprian, St. Augustine, St. Bernard, St. Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and many others,—the trans-lators preserving a literal strictness in most cases, but where such appeared impossible, subjoining a literal version in the notes, which are not intended to go further, being neither critical nor expla-

The Statute Book of England. Collection of Public Statutes relating to the General Law of Eng-land passed by the 17th Parliament of the United Kingdom, 20 & 24 Vict. 1857 to 22 Vict. Session 4, The Statute Book of England. Preface, &c. Edited by James Bigg. (Simpkin & Co.)—Our eloquent Chancellor of the Exchequer tells us that as the Kings of England were wont in their progresses in the olden time to scatter coins amongst the people, so in these latter days Her Majesty, with the assistance of her Parliament, blesses her people with an abundant shower of Acts of Parliament. We certainly are pelted with Statutes; the misfortune is, that this Parliamentary bounty is sent forth in such very small pieces that we are burthened almost as much as we are enriched, and should have been borne down with the weight of our riches long ago, had not the system of exchanging a heap of small Statutes for a Consolidation Act been extensively applied. We have on several former occasions commented upon Mr. Bigg's plan for publishing the Statutes in such a manneras shall enable every subscriber to have at all times a perfect edition of the Statutes, as amended to the end of the last preceding Session of Parliament. The nature of this scheme and the difficulties which appear to us to lie in the way of its execution are fully explained in our former notices [Athen. Nos. 1587, 1624, 1651], and, as we see no reason to change our opinion of these difficulties, it is enough to refer the reader to those remarks. The present is a specimen volume, and in it the Statutes are correctly given as amended to the close of the 2nd The Statute Law Commission Session. 1859. after a life singularly inglorious, if not disgraceful, ceased to exist about the time when we last noticed the efforts of the editor of the volume before us Mr. Bigg, who had carefully registered from time to time the very small works which the Commission produced, and the very large sums which it cost us, may justly claim some share in the destruction of that idle and hungry monster; this alone gives him a title to our gratitude: it is moreover clear from these pages that he is a man of great energy and perseverance, an enthusiastic worker in a very laborious and (as many would consider) uninter esting subject, and that he is well qualified for his For the last twelve months proposals by the editor, for an edition of the whole of the existing Statutes upon the plan of this work, have been before the Government. The treatment which these proposals have met with might, we suppose, have been expected with the same certainty as seedtime and harvest. They were promised to be submitted to the Statute Law Commission. That body having died, they were forwarded to the Attorney General for consideration, "in connexion with his labours on the Consolidation of the Sta-The Government then declined to afford any pecuniary assistance in the publication of the work. The assistance required by Mr. Bigg was the pur-chase of a certain number of copies by the Government, that being the mode in which Her Majesty's Printers are now remunerated for the supply of Acts of Parliament. At present the Attorney General promises that the production of an expurgated edition of the Statutes shall at once be proceeded with, and has undertaken to produce a specimen of the work at an early period. Under these circumstances, it is clear that the editor cannot hope for any immediate assistance from the Government. Should the Attorney General fail to redeem his pledge, or should the work when produced be found to be unsatisfactory, we trust that Parliament will at once try whether private enterprise is not equal to this undertaking, in which Commissioners and officials have so wretchedly failed. If this course is pursued, the proposals

of Mr. Bigg, as set forth in the explanatory Preface and Letter to the Treasury of the 2nd of January last, which accompany this volume, are worthy of all consideration.

Dr. Wiseman's Popish Literary Blunders Exposed. By C. H. Collette. (Hall & Co.)—The author of this slightly venomous and aggressive criticism to prove that wherever Dr. Wiseman seeks to establish his case as founded on the testi-mony of antiquity, he misquotes or misrepresents the Fathers, and that the writer knows nothing "practically and personally" of the writers he cites, or that he dishonestly garbles them. The reader curious on such subjects must judge for himself, whether Mr. Collette may claim a literary or polemical triumph.

The Commercial Handbook: a Guide to the Trading and Commercial Terms and Phraseology of the Day. By a Man of Business. (Low & Co.) -Numerous persons, even though they be "men of business" themselves, may find it convenient to have this little dictionary at hand. The explana-tions are alphabetically arranged, and are concise,

and sufficiently ample.

Among the new editions which have recently we have on our table the Right Hon. J. Whiteside's Italy in the Nineteenth Century (Longman),—M. Guizot's Life of Oliver Cromwell (Bentley), - Dr. Maginn's Shakespeare Papers (Bentley), —Stories of the Peninsular War, by W. H. Maxwell (Clarke),—Land-Sharks and Sea-Gulls, by Capt. Glascock (Knight), — Stephen Dugard: a Romance, by W. Mudford (Hodgson),—A Life for a Life, by the Author of John Halifax, Gentleman,' has been added to Messrs. Hurst & Blackett's "Standard Library,"—The Water-Witch, by J. Fenimore Cooper (New York, Townsend & Co.),—an illustrated edition of Mr. Hawthorne's romance of The Scarlet Letter (Clarke), and Mrs. Sherwood's The Lady of the Manor (Houlston & Wright).—Among translations from French and German we have before us, Napoteon the Third on England, selections from his own writings, translated by J. H. Simpson (Saunders, Otley & Co.),
—Mr. Lessing's translation from the German of
Dr. Reich's Nathan the Wise: a Dramatic Poem (Bennett), -and the History of the Grandeur and Downfall of Cesur Birotteau, by M. de Balzac, translated by J. H. Simpson, being Vol. I. of "The Balzac Series" (Saunders, Otley & Co.)—Of reprints from magazines and other sources, we must announce The Season Ticket, from the "Dublin University Magazine" (Bentley),—Life Without and Life Within; or, Reviews, Narratives, Essays and Poems, by Margaret Fuller Ossoli, edited by her brother, Arthur B. Fuller (Low), -Old Friends and New Acquaintances, by Agnes Strickland (Simpkin),—from "The Christian Remembrancer," The Church Cause and the Church Party (Mozley), —The Pioneer Bishop, the life and times of Francis Asbury, by W. P. Strickland (Simpkin),—Step by Step; or, the Good Fight, from the German of Asoury, by w. r. Suresiand (Ampan), and y Step; or, the Good Pight, from the German of Maria Nathusius (Bentley),—from the Times, Biography and Criticism, being a second series of 'Eminent Men and Popular Books' (Routledge),—from the "National Review," History of the Unreformed Parliament and its Lessons, by W. Bagelot (Chapman & Hall),—The Poetry of German Control of Company and Control of Company and Control of C many, a selection from German poets, by Dr. Ahn many, a selection from cerman poets, by Dr. Ann (Tribner).—In second editions, we have on our library table, Demosthenes on the Crown, with English notes, by B. Drake (Macmillan).—The Book of Familiar Quotations (Whittaker).—Naples et les Napolitains, par M. T. Vernes (Paris, Lévy),—Mr. H. Smith On Hæmorrhoids (Churchill);—in a third edition, we have Blossoms of Thought: Poems, by the late Mrs. Nurnberg (Wertheim),— Froms, by the late Mrs. Nurnberg (Werthelm),— and Specific Eruptions, by T. Hunt (Richards);— in a fourth edition, we have The History of Egypt, by Samuel Sharpe (Moxon);—in a fifth edition, we have Advice to Mothers, by P. H. Chavasse (Churchill);—in a ninth edition, we have Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, revised and enlarged by Mr. B. Vincent (Moxon), -and Lord's Modern Europe (Simpkin);—and in a thirty-first edition, we have Le Page's French School: Part I. L'Echo de Paris (Wilson).-To these announcements, we may add, The Annual of Scientific Discovery, edited by D. A. Wells (Trübner),—Australian Commercial Alma-

nack (Sydney, Clarke), — and The Embroiderers Book of Design, by F. De La Motte (Spon).

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Abercrombie's Gardener's Pocket Journal, new ed. by Glenny, & Armstrong's Lion of War; or, Pirates of Loo Chow, fc. 8vc. & ed. Bagehot's Unreformed Parliament, and its Lessons, 8vc. & ed. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Beecher's (Rev. H. Ward) Sermons, Vol. 1. 13mc. 2s. dl. Browning's (Elizabeth Barrett) Poems before Congress, 4s. dl. Contaneau's Abrégé de l'Histoire de France, fc. 8vc. 0. 5s. dd. el. Cooke's Conquest and Colonization in North Africa, r. 8vc. 0. 5s. dd. el. Conke's Conquest and Colonization in North Africa, r. 8vc. 0. 5s. dd. el. Courling's Love at First Sight, and Stories, fc. 8vc. 0. 5s. dd. el. Curling's Love at First Sight, and Stories, fc. 8vc. 0. 2s. dds. Favourite Library: Trimmer's Robins; Stoddart's Eakdale Herd-Boy; Keeper's Travels; Life and Perambulations of a Mouse, mew call. Jone. 1. 5s. cl. 15s. dl. 15s. d

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THE BLENHEIM PICTURES.

National Portrait Gallery, March 7. HAVING read in the Athenœum an account of the ecent alterations at Blenheim Palace, and finding my name mentioned as having undertaken to rearrange and catalogue the pictures, I ask leave to lay before your readers two or three facts connected with one of the finest pictures in the collection, which can hardly fail to afford a very general interest. I am also desirous to offer to the subscribers to my Catalogue Raisonné of the Manchester Exhibition of 1857 some explanation of what may appear to them an additional delay in the publication of a work which still occupies my attention. The Blenheim Catalogue was under taken during the past year, with the knowledge and sanction of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, and has, in fact, been more than a partperformance of my duties connected with this institution. It is not at present my object to speak of the very numerous and highly-interesting collections of portraits at Blenheim, although they are now entirely catalogued and historically illustrated. They are not generally shown to visitors. The Duke of Marlborough was desirous that a careful record should be drawn up, not merely of the pic-tures exhibited in the Public Rooms, but in every part of the house. It was also his Grace's wish that as much information as possible should be collected respecting them. The portion, therefore, of the Blenheim Catalogue referring to the pictures shown to visitors will be sold, and the proceeds, after the defrayment of all incidental expenses, devoted to the Artists' General Benevolent Fund. For the present, small Catalogues only have been issued, giving merely the names of the painters and the subjects represented. The Ansidei Raphael is the chief subject to which I would now refer. The "over the fireplace," so long assigned to it in Blenheim Palace, may sound to those who have not had the opportunity of examining, a somewhat perilous one. For their satisfaction, I

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beg to state that permission was afforded me to examine both the picture and its locality with great Having been there during various seasons of the year, I can safely state that, even in winter, when large fires are kept burning, no unusual heat affects the picture, and in summer it is well shaded. The wall behind is no warmer in winter than the rest of the apartment, and the large marble chimney-piece does not, even to an ordinary degree, collect the heat. I took, however, the opportunity, whilst the picture was detached from the wall, of raising it from the marble slab on which it had always rested, and of propping it with isolated supports, keeping it rather forward, so as to permit a current of air to pass below and to penetrate the back also. I examined the picture in every light and in every position; naturally availing myself to the fullest extent of so favourable an opportunity.

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The pannel on which it is painted is of great
thickness, and composed of five planks, joined
vertically with four strong cross-pieces attached to
them again at the back. The wood, the abele or
poplar, is very much worm-eaten at the back. everal of the most corroded parts were consequently removed with great care, and the entire surface well saturated with corrosive sublimate.

The date is well known to have been on the picture. It is marked in golden letters, as Passavant observes, on the border of the Virgin's blue mantle, near her sleeve. But the favourable lights in which I saw it enabled me to discern that the date was not merely MDV., but MDVII. The two additional golden numbers are as clear and solid as the rest. Vasari, however, distinctly states that this picture was painted for the Ansidei family in 1505, during Raphael's second residence at Perugia. It is, nevertheless, very probable that he only undertook it at this period; and, as in the case of the calebrated Borghese Entombment, bearing the same date, 1507, that it was completed after his absence at Florence and Urbino in 1506. The condition of the picture is excellent. The technical power and vigour of drawing would certainly mark it as subsequent to the fresco painting in San Severo, which is dated in large characters, 1505. It shows the fullest influence of the painter's sojourn at Florence, and has more vigour in several parts than the Borghese Entombment. The head of the Virgin alone exhibits a close affinity to that of the Virgin in the celebrated Coronation, painted likewise at Perugia, and now preserved in the Vatican. The description given by Dr. Waagen of this picture is, with the exception of some minor details, remarkably faithful and interesting: it serves well to counteract the impression of heavi-ness and hardness which Gruner's otherwise excellent engraving would tend to convey. I had proposed to have offered a few remarks upon the large picture at Blenheim, by Sir Joshua Reynolds, of the "Marlborough Family"; but I do not feel justified at the present time in encroaching further on your space. Perhaps, however, I may be indulged with a future opportunity, as the curious and not generally known vicissitudes which this picture underwent would afford considerable interest to collectors of anecdotes pertaining to the Fine

Mystudies at Blenheim have incidentally afforded me many additional facts and explanatory notes, all of which I hope at no distant period to incorporate in my work on the Manchester Art-Treasures Exhibition; and I cannot but hope that, by thus stating the exact nature of the services which have recently occupied me, I may still be permitted to enjoy the support and interest which were so promptly and so extensively accorded on the first announcement of the publication.

GEORGE SCHARF, Jun.

POLITICAL PAPERS FROM ST. JAMES'S SQUARE,

Bloomsbury County Court, March 14.

I trust that you will afford me space for a few parting words with Mr. Bohn. I was satisfied with him till your article publicly drew my attention to his recent publication, from which I learned what use he had made of the "opportunity" which I afforded him.

The letter of the 16th of July 1850 appoints the

following day, at 1 o'clock, for Mr. Bohn to attend in St. James's Square; and whoever reads it will in St. James's Square; and whoever reads it will believe my assertion, that I had had a previous interview with him upon the subject. Let your readers therefore compare this with being "sud-denly called upon" and "pressure of circumstances" in Mr. Bohn's Preface. Mr. Bohn'did not accom-pany my valued friend and solicitor, Mr. Gals-worthy, but came to the house considerably after worthy, but came to the house considerably after the hour appointed, and apologized by saying that he had been to an important sale; and Mr. Gals-worthy declares that he had not the slightest idea that Mr. Bohn took any notes, and far less that he copied a portion of one of the letters, but I now readily admit Mr. Bohn's assertion, that he "ac-

complished more than was expected of him."

I should have given Mr. Bohn's letter of the 27th of January last if I had not been afraid of trespassing too much upon your columns. Bohn does not think fit to give my answer to this letter, but he quotes it incorrectly. It bears the same date as Mr. Bohn's Preface, viz., the 30th of

January, and was as follows :-"Dear Sir,—The papers to which you allude were, soon after you inspected them, deposited at my bankers, Messrs. Bosanquet's, for five years, and have since returned into my possession, where they now are; but I am under an engagement to deliver them up upon being paid the money due to me, and which I expect will be done in the present week. I believe there is some arrangement that, when the papers are taken out of they are to be deposited somew my hands, they are to be deposited somewhere in the joint names of Mr. Fox and the executors of the joint names of Mr. Fox and the executors of the late Duke of Leeds,—but I will inform the solici-tors of your desire to treat for them.—Yours, faith-fully J. Weight."

fully,

"H. Bohn, Esq."

Mr. Bohn's quotation of three lines substituted

Mr. Duke of Leeds" for "the executors of a careless mis-statement; but I am sorry to perceive a careless mis-statement; but I am sorry to perceive that Mr. Bohn is disposed to "make oath" quite as carelessly. But why did Mr. Bohn write this letter of the 27th of January, 1860? Why, instead of writing it, did he not send me a copy of his state-ment, which must have been even then in print, and ready for publication on the 1st of February? Why, after your review drew my attention to it, was I compelled to go to his shop and purchase a copy of what Mr. Bohn had "accomplished" from me, and to inquire when it was published? Mr. Bohn certainly offered me 500% for the papers before he left the house; but till this letter of the 27th of January last I had neither heard nor seen a word from him of "as much more speculatively, for those rom nim of "as much more speculatively, for those I had not seen, namely, the two large parcels marked 'most secret.'" One word more upon this letter:—Let any one compare it with Mr. Bohn's assertion, that the papers were "all but sold to him," and form their own opinion upon the subject. Your readers must bear in mind that I cannot commit the offence which I charge against Mr. Bohn, and consequently cannot expose his numerous errors, or explain how his "eager eyes," in the "supposed precincts of Junius," saw things which sober-minded and careful persons could not see. But Mr. Bohn and I differ slightly as to facts in the principal question between us. I considered that I was obtaining the opinion of a professional gentleman as to the value of certain papers and documents. Mr. Bohn considers that he was employed "to value" Bohn considers that he was employed "to value" these articles. He says, and truly enough, that he could take "no deliberate notes," but yet, to my great astonishment, when I read it, he professes to be publishing to the world a portion of one of the manuscripts and prints it in italies, to show the great importance which he attaches to it. Mr. Bohn therefore, upon his own confession, made the very great mistake-I continue to treat him ten-

very great mistake—I continue to treat that tenderly—of carrying away a portion of the property which he was employed to value, and is now selling it from day to day in his shop.

As far as I am concerned, I now leave Mr. Bohn to satisfy the literary world, if he can, that this was honourable conduct; but there are others, noblemen and gentlemen, interested in these papers, and whether, when they are consulted, they will permit Mr. Bohn to continue to sell his permit Mr. gigantic bones were laid before our

verted statements and mis-statements, I am even now unable to say; and if this is blowing hot and blowing cold, then for Mr. Bohn's consolation I blow it still. I am, &c. J. WRIGHT.

THE AORERE AND PARAPARA GOLD-FIELDS IN NEW ZEALAND.

NEW ZEALAND.

Dr. Hochstetter, geologist of the Austrian Exploring Expedition, delivered in December last, at Nelson, in New Zealand, another lecture on the mineral products of that province. In this, he states that "The whole region of the eastern side of the Aorere valley, rising from the river bed towards the steep sides of the mountains, at an inclination of about eight degrees, and occupying from the Clarke river towards the south, to the from the Clarke river towards the south, to the Parapara on the north, a superficial extent of about forty English miles, is a gold-field. Throughout this whole district, on the foot of the range, we find a conglomerate deposited on the top of the slate rocks, reaching in some places, to a thickness of twenty feet. Pieces of driftwood changed into twenty feet. Pieces of driftwood changed into brown coal indicate a probably tertiary age of this conglomerate formation. Where a ferruginous cement binds the boulders and the gravel together, this conglomerate is compact; in other places only fine sand lies between the larger stones. Quartz and clay-slate boulders are the most commonly met with. This conglomerate formation is not only cut with. This conglomerate formation is not only cut-through by the deep gullies of the larger streams, but in some places washed by the more superficial action of occasional water, and so divided into parallel and rounded ridges, of which that portion of the district called the Quartz Rangesis a characterortheenstrict canet the dynamic ranges is a characteristic example. This conglomerate formation must be regarded as the real gold-field, prepared in a gigantic manner by the hand of nature, from the detritus of the mountains, for the more detailed and minute operations of man. While the less extensive, but generally richer, river-diggings afford better prospect of gain to the individual digger, the dry diggings in the conglomerate will afford remunerative returns to associations of individuals who will work with a combination of labour and capital. The intelligent and energetic gold-digger, Mr. Washbourn, is the first person who has proved the value of the dry diggings in the Quartz Ranges, and has demonstrated the fact that gold exists in remunerative quantities in the conglomerate. I am indebted to Mr. Washbourn for the following interesting details. He writes to me as follows:—
'In the drives into the conglomerate of the Quartz Ranges, the average thickness of dirt washed is about two feet from the base rock; and the gold produced from one cubic yard of such earth would be, as near as I can calculate, worth from twenty-five to thirty shillings. This includes large boulders; so that a cubic yard of earth, as it goes boulders; so that a cubic yard of earth, as it goes through the sluice, is of course worth more, as the boulders form a large proportion of the whole. Where the earth is washed from the surface to the rock, the value per cubic yard is much less; not worth more, perhaps, than from three shillings to six shillings per yard, and it would generally payvery well at that. With these data the following calculation may be made. We will reckon the superficial extent of the Aorere and Parapara gold-folds at thirty English gourge, miles the average. supernotal extent of the Aorers and Parapara gold-fields at thirty English square miles, the average thickness of the gold-bearing conglomerate at a very low rate at one yard, and the value of gold in one cubic yard at five shillings. Upon these data the value of the Aorere gold-field is 22,500,000L,

or 750,000. for one square mile."

Dr. Hochstetter has been so fortunate as to obtain several excellent specimens of Moa bones, including a Moa skull, the most perfect yet found in New Zealand. These were found in caves in the Aorere Valley—"The excitement of the Moadiggers was great, and increased; for the deeper they went below the stalagmite crusts covering the floor, the larger were the bones they found, and whole legs, from the hip-bone to the claws of the toes, were exposed. They dug and washed three days and three nights, and on the fourth day they returned in triumph to Collingwood, followed by two pack-bullocks loaded with Moa bones. I must

view. A Maori bringing me two living kiwis from Rocky river, gave us an opportunity to compare the remains of the extinct species of the family with the living Apteryx. It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the zeal and exertions of my countryman and friend, Haast, in adding such valuable specimens to the collections of the Novara Expedition. The observations of M. Haast, made during this search, throw a new light upon this great family of extinct birds. He found that, according to the depth so was the size of the remains, thus proving that the greater the antiquity the larger the species. The bones of Dinornis grassus and ingens (a bird standing the height of nine feet) were always found at a lower level than the bones of Dinornis didiformis (Owen), of only four feet high. I have the pleasure of showing you, here, a leg of *Dinornis grassus*. I have since had my collection of bones increased by various contributions from Messrs. Wells, Haycock and Ogg, and a nearly perfect specimen of Dinornis ingens presented by the Nelson Museum to the Imperial Geological Institution of Vienna. These gigantic birds belong to an era prior to the human race, to a post-tertiary period. And it is a remarkable incomprehension fact of the creation, that whilst at the very same period in the old world, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotami; in South America, gigantic sloths and armadillos; in Australia, gigantic kangaroos, wombats, and dasyures were living; the colossal forms of animal life were represented in New Zealand by gigantic birds, who walked the shores then untrod by the foot of any quadruped."

Dr. Hochstetter adds, that he is confident that the mineral wealth of Nelson is enormous, and that vast mines of gold, copper and coal exist in the mountains.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Naples, March 3. I have just returned from visiting Pozzuoli, so interesting to antiquaries; but my object was not to admire the columns in the Temple of "Misera-bile" (read "Serapide"), as the natives call it, nor to muse in the vast area of the Amphitheatre; on the contrary, instead of having anything to do with Pagan antiquities, my attention was directed to modern absurdities. The Church of St. Januarius modern absurdities. The Church of St. Januarius has been burnt down, regularly gutted—alas for the Saint!—and now nothing but the bare walls of a building, within which so many miracles have been wrought, and so much devotion awakened, remain. The fire took place shortly after midnight, on Wednesday morning, the 22nd of February, that is to say, just as Carnevale had terminated its orgies; though I by no means intend to insinuate that monks so pious as those of the reformed order of St. Francis would celebrate any orgies at all; in fact, the affair seems to have been purely accidental, and to have been occasioned by a lamp which was always burning in the little church. The monastery of the Cappucini, or the Francis-cans, lies full a mile from Pozzuoli, and you arrive at it by a continual ascent, amidst ruins of worldwide interest. Guides torment and follow you at the beginning of your course, dropping off one by one if you observe a dogged silence; as you draw near to the holy spot beggars stop and address you in the name of St. Gennaro; and so, with a variety of incidents characteristic of the people and the loca lity, you find yourself at length before the Church of the Saint. A side-door leads into the cloisters of the monastery; and a sharp knock soon brought the Padre Guardiano to us. Permission was asked to visit the sacred edifice, and courteously granted; and leaving the monastery, which is not touched, on the right we entered the Church, of which the walls alone are standing. It will come quite within the range of subjects admitted by the Athenaum to describe the works of Art that have been destroyed here. Over the high altar, and on either side, are three paintings, shrivelled up, of the merit of which I am ignorant; on either side of the nave two pictures have been burnt, as also six medallions the upper parts of the building. A beautiful alto-rilievo in marble, representing the beheading of St. Januarius, is uninjured, as is the entire wall which

separates the chapel, in which the miraculous stone is kept from the Church.

"Not a stone of it was injured," said a carpenter who was collecting some of the carbonized timbers around us; "only the body of the Church was burnt; whilst the Chapel of the Saint and the miraculous stone were saved." I might have added, neither was the monastery touched, nor any of the buildings on that side; and it was very easy to see that a wind from the sea must have blown the flames in the opposite direction; but of what use would it have been to argue, and to what purpose, if I could have persuaded him of his error? He was determined in believing in a miracle, and I saw no reason for attempting to destroy an illusion which served him in the stead of religion. I am always grieved when I see the ruin of even indifferent Art, and was less disposed than usual, therefore, to carp at the superstition or credulity of the poor carpenter; but I confess that the Spirit entered into me when I found myself in the Chapel par excellence, accompanied by two monks. Behind a grating, and a brass plate, which one of the "Padri" drew aside, is the stone on which St. Januarius is said to have been beheaded. It is covered with rusty-brown spots, into the composition of which iron might enter, judging from the colour. As the story goes, blood, and the blood of the Saint, exudes from it twice a year, on the very same day, and at the very same moment, that the miracle is performed at Naples. "On the night on which the fire took place," said my conductors, "the miracle was wrought again, and out of season; and the blood poured out of it in such quantities that the Bishop collected a quantity of it with cotton-wool; and observe those white spots-they are bits of the cotton." To my heretical looked very much like drops of wax; eyes they though I did not say so. I could not help connecting the fact of the excessive exudation of the blood with the intense heat which must have been acting on the stone, and whatever the stone contained or hid, though this, too, I did not say; and the Sons of St. Francis dwelt at length on a circumthe Sons of St. Francis dwelt at length on a circumstance, which appeared to me to be a strong collateral argument against the miracle. "And you see, sir," said my guide, "not a stone in this chapel has been touched, nor a picture turned. As to the miracle, it was verified, and has been certified by the Bishop, the Sott' Intendente, the Syndic, and the gendarmes, who saw it, as did a host of other persons." Leaving the learned authorities of Pozpersons." Leaving the learned authorities of Poz-zuoli to their faith, let us visit a little chapel not far from the cloisters, in which the image of the Saint is kept. "It is said to be a good likeness," observed the monk, "and to have been executed under the direction of the lady who collected the Saint's blood, and the silver image in the cathedral church of Naples is made after it." Its beauty is, however, much impaired by an accident which happened to the tip of the nose—though it has been restored, but not with the same marble. The tradition runs-and is it not written in a book published in Naples in 1625, which book is contained in the library of a friend—that some corsairs landed at Pozzuoli, and not finding anything to carry off, broke off the tip of the Saint's nose, and one of them put it in his pocket. No sooner were they out at sea than a storm arose, and the corsair threw the nose into the waves, when the tempest died away. Some fishermen of Pozzuoli, shortly after, on pulling their nets found them so heavy that they were obliged to call for help, and in landing their expected draught were astonished to see the nose of St. Januarius. came over and all the great folks of those days, and the nasal organ was carried in grand procession to the church, where it had no sooner arrived than it flew out of the hands of the Bishop and stuck to the proboscis of the Saint. Unfortunately, how-ever, the fit was not so good but that the file of the sculptor was necessary after, nor was the marble of the same grain. I have dwelt at length upon these facts and traditions, so intimately bound up with the religion of the people, and so warmly encouraged by the authorities, in order to give you an idea of the social condition of the nation. I call your attention to the judicial report— I call your attention to the judicial report— a report which now lies before me—of a cri-

minal action which is pending against the clerk of an English gentleman for "impiety and blasglish gentleman for "impiety and blas-Amongst other evidence against him, it s alleged that "he declared that the miracle of the blood of St. Januarius was a trick, and that Kernot (an English druggist) could make better by liquefy. ing the condensed blood with chemical prepara-tions." Another piece of evidence brought against him were 'Exercises on the French Participles,' from which the following passage is extracted, described by the Judge Instructor as "sinning with religious irreverence, ' in saying that a beautiful and attractive woman is more than an angel—
"C'était un ange bien plus qu'un ange, c'était une
femme belle et charmante." The person accused is out on bail, paid by his master, and the case is as yet undecided.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

THE Senate of University College have issued cards for a reception this evening (Saturday), in Gower Street.

Lord Macaulay, who held in the highest venera-tion the famous Admiral Robert Blake, expressed, some months before his death, a hope that the gentle men of Somerset would set up some memorial of that great man. The suggestion was taken up. A subscription has been commenced. Mr. E. H. Baily has contributed the design. Mr. Hepworth Dixon has written the inscription. The work is being executed in the studio of Mr. Papworth, where it will soon be ready for public inspection. Mr. R. Arthur Kinglake, of Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, a gentleman who took an active part in the restoration of the Wellington Monument, has consented to receive subscriptions. It is not very creditable to the first naval country in the world that the man who first rendered her supreme at sea should have no stone or statue to mark his place amongst us here in London. Justice is blind. We are glad, however, that Somersetshire has made a move in so good a work. Until ample justice can be done, let us have this expression of awakening gratitude and public care.

The notable feature of the notable budget is now beyond reach of harm; the last of the taxes on knowledge is repealed. To Mr. Gladstone be many To Mr. Milner Gibson be many thanks! It is seldom that a great Cabinet Minister can do much good to literature, however strong may be the will to do it. Here the opportunity arose. A scholar and an author of the highest rank himself, Mr. Gladstone seized the occasion-bravely and powerfully seized it—to confer a benefit on the Estate of Letters. He has put the crown to the edifice. He has completed the material guarantees for free news—for free thought. In effecting this reform he has earned for himself, and for the government of which he is a member, the thanks

of every man who reads.

Mr. Collier has published a 'Reply' to the Museum 'Inquiry into the imputed Shakspere Forgeries.' We have read it through with care. It is the same in substance as his Letter to the Athenœum. One or two points of detail, now added to the statements in that Letter, may arrest the curiosity of those who take a technical interest in the questions raised. For the general reader, the case stands in the 'Reply' precisely as it stands recorded in the Athenœum. Having recently gone into the whole question, clause by clause, we need not now dwell upon it further than is necessary for the announce-ment of Mr. Collier's 'Reply.'

Since our announcement of the discovery at Eden Lodge, we have had further opportunities of seeing the letters. They are of very great interest. Among the confidential correspondents, not named in our brief note of last week, we find the names of Archbishop Moore, Lord Shelfind the names of Archibshop Moore, Lord Shelburne, Dr. Priestley, Gibbon, Lord Malmesbury, Hugh Elliot, Minister of England at the Court of Frederick the Great, Jack Lee, Lord Grey, Lord Eldon, Duke of York. Many new bons mots of Selwyn are found in the papers. Mr. Elliot's letters from Berlin are most curious and important for the story of the Court and Times of Frederick the Great. Mr. Carlyle should see them. There is a work in six manuscript volumes,

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written by Mr. Eden, called 'Notes on the French Revolution'; also numerous letters from Paris during the Reign of Terror. Mr. Eden was intiduring the Reign of Terror. Mr. Eden was inti-mate with Marie Antoinette. The details about the struggle of 1782, between Pitt, Fox, North, and Shelburne, are extremely curious. Wedder-burn's letters are excessively elever. Respecting the American War, we have the secret correspondence of Lord Suffolk's office, including intercepted letters of Frederick the Great, Franklin, Silas Dean, and many others. These letters are full of interesting details. They contain, in fact, something about everybody who was anybody.

The Zoological Gardens in the Regent's Park

have been enriched by the arrival of two impor-tant additions: a fine specimen of the gigantic Salamander of Japan (Sieboldia maxima), and a pair of the celebrated Shoe-billed Stork (Baleniceps

rez), from the White Nile.

The Hakluyt Society has now completed the thirteenth year of its existence; and has, during that period, issued twenty-five valuable volumes relating to early voyages and travels in every part of the world. The number of subscribers has been steadily maintained at a point which has enabled the Council to ensure the efficiency of the Society; and they now have the satisfaction to report that the funds continue in a prosperous condition. The Council have given their best consideration to the price at which new subscribers, during the present year, should be allowed to receive the past publica-tions of the Society, the early issues of which have become scarce, and have fixed it at nine guineas, that sum not including the subscription for the year. Since the last general meeting the following volumes have been delivered to members:—'Expeditions into the Valley of the Amazons during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: containing the Journey of Gonzalo Pizarro, from the Royal Commentaries of Garcilasso Inca de la Vega; the Veyage of Francisco de Orellana, from the General History of Herrera; and the Voyage of Cristoval de Acuña, from a narrative written by himself in 1641.' Edited and translated, with an introduc-1641. Edited and translated, with an introduc-tion, and a descriptive list of the principal tribes in the Valley of the Amazons, by Clements R. Markham, Esq. 'Early Voyages to Australia: a Collection of Documents showing the Early Dis-coveries of Australia to the Time of Captain Cook.' Edited by R. H. Major, Esq., of the British Mu-seum, F.S.A. Two volumes will be delivered to seum, F.S.A. Two volumes will be delivered to members during the course of the present year, one of which is completed and will be issued immediately, and the other is in a very forward state, viz.:—'The Narrative of the Embassy of Ruy Gonzales de Clavijo to the Court of Timour at Samarcand, A.D. 1403-6. Translated for the first time, with Notes, a Preface, and an Introductory Life of Timour,' by Clements R. Markham, Esq. 'A Collection of Documents, forming a Monograph of the Voyages of Henry Hudson.' Edited with an Introduction by George Asher, Esq., LL.D. In addition to the above works, five others have been undertaken by Editors, and some of them In addition to the above works, are others have been undertaken by Editors, and some of them are now in progress; viz:—'The Fifth Letter of Hernando Cortes: being that describing his Voyage to Honduras in 1525-6.' To be Translated and Edited by E. G. Squier, Esq. 'The Voyage of Voyage of Corner and the Care of Good Hone. of Vasco de Gama round the Cape of Good Hope of Vasco de Gama round the Cape of Good Hope in 1497; now first Translated from a contemporaneous Manuscript, accompanied by other Documents, forming a Monograph of the Life of De Gama. To be Translated and Edited by Richard Garnett, Esq., of the British Museum. 'The Travels of Ludovico Vartema, in Syria, Arabia, Persia, and India, during the Sixteenth Century.' To be Translated and Edited by Count Pepoli. 'Narrative of the Vavage of the Tyrant Aguirra Narrative of the Voyage of the Tyrant Aguirre, down the River of the Amazons,' by Fray Pedro Simon. To be Translated, for the first time, by W. Bollaert, Esq. 'The Voyages of Mendaña and Quiros in the South Seas, in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries.' To be Translated from Figueron's 'Hechos del Marques de Cañete,' and Torquemada's 'Monarquia Indiani,' and Edited by Clement B. Mastham Esq.

by Clements R. Markham, Esq.
A Correspondent points to a line in Mr. Theodore Martin's translation of Horace's 'Æquam memento' as a "lift" from Shakspeare. Horace counsels Delius

Beyond the limits of becoming mirth.

In, 'Love's Labour's Lost' (act ii. sc. 1) Rosaline thus speaks of Biron:

— a merrier man
Within the limit of becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk withal.

The second volume of Dr. William Bell's 'Shak-

The second volume of Dr. William Bell's 'Shakspeare's Puck and his Folkslore' has now been in the press some time, and will shortly appear.

"Mr. G. H. Whalley, M.P.," says a Correspondent, "has been lecturing at the Mechanics Institution, in Southampton Buildings, on Early English History. He commenced by pointing out the errors and perversions of the ordinary schoolbooks, and then proceeded to show that this country was colonized about 1,000 years before Christ by a band of Trojans under Brutus, the grandson of Æneas." I wish Mr. Whalley had pursued his interesting discoveries a little further. For we fortunately possess the most minute accounts of the reigns of Brutus and his seventeen lineal successors of the Trojan dynasty. The facts are cessors of the Trojan dynasty. The facts are vouched for by Nennius, Wace, Layamon, Geoffrey of Monmouth, and other historians who flourished less than two thousand years after the events which they describe. We also possess the genealogy of Henry the Seventh traced not only to Æneas, but Henry the Seventh traced not only to Æneas, but up to Noah himself. Mr. Whalley might also have pointed out that the early history of other countries, as taught in 'the ordinary school-books,' abounds likewise with 'errors and perversions.' It appears that all the kingdoms of Europe were founded by relatives either of Priam or of Æneas. Italy, as we know on the authority of Virgil, was colonized by Æneas himself. Prussia by Prussus, son of Priam. Another son, Francus, founded the French Monarchy. Paris, who is nounlarly supson of Priam. Another son, Francus, founded the French Monarchy. Paris, who is popularly supposed to have been slain by Menelaus, succeeded in escaping, and founded the celebrated city which bears his name. Another large body of emigrants from Troy founded the city of Troyes, in France. From the same invaluable historiams we learn that the Sara-cens are the decendant of Sara, wife of Abraham, by a previous matrice. I venture to call attention to these facts, which rest on the same authority as those mentioned in the lecture, and which also 'are not generally known,' in the hope that Mr. G. H. Whalley, M.P. may be induced to pursue his historical researches."

pursue his historical researches."
The French Minister of Algiers has placed 2,000 francs in the hands of the Geographical Society of Paris, to be added to the sum of 6,000 francs already in their hands, which sums will be given to the first traveller who succeeds in arriving in Algeria or Senegal by way of Timbuctoo. The restoration of the old beautiful Town-hall of

Ypres, formerly the capital of West Flanders, is now complete; the pictorial ornaments of the stately building, the statues of thirty-one sovereigns who bore the title of Counts of Flanders, from Baldwin Ironarm to Charles the Fifth, have been replaced in the Façade. At the same time the town offers a handsome prize for the best biographies of these counts, with special reference to the history of the town. The Royal Academy of Belgium has undertaken to decide on the works that may be

On the 24th of January the University of Moscow, the existence of which dates from 1755, celecow, the existence of which dates from 1755, celebrated again its annual festival; it possesses now in its four faculties (History and Philology, Natural Philosophy and Mathematics, Law, Medicine), sixty-one professors and lecturers. The number of the students is 1,643, of whom 58 belong to the first, 274 to the second, 412 to the third, and 899 to the fourth faculty; it appears by this statement that the study of Medicine is the most, and that of Philology the least attended. Besides these, 225 more young people have the right to visit the lectures; 120 of the State; 115 at the expense of different Institutions; 20 have free stipends from the University; all the rest have to pay 50 silver rubles yearly.

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A committee has been formed at Bonn and Cologne to open a subscription for a monument to be

to maintain in prosperity a moderation free from excess of joy. Mr. Martin bids Quintus not

— ascend erected to the memory of E. M. Arndt. It is to stand on the left side of the Rhine, and will very likely be a statue of Arndt, keeping watch, even in death, over the beloved stream, which all his life long he proclaimed to be a German stream, not the natural frontier, as the French neighbour would have it. There are some distinguished names in the committee, and the subscription is going on favourably, as might be expected. Old King Ludwig of Bavaria was among the first con-tributors, with 500 florins. The American ambas-sador, too, at Berlin, has published a letter to the Germans in America, inviting them in eloquent terms to contribute to Arndt's monument, which is to be considered in the light of a national one.

is to be considered in the light of a national one. We learn from the Historical Magazine (U.S.) that at the last meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the "chairman of the committee appointed to recommend to the Smithsonian Institution the publication of the records of the Virginia Company, read a letter from Joseph Henry, LL.D., Secretary of the Institution, stating that the subject would be presented to the Board at its session in January, but suggesting that the records should be given to the world by the General Government, and promising that the Institution would co-operate with the Society in any movement which might be made to induce Government to publish these and other the society in any movement which might be made to induce Government to publish these and other records. It was voted to empower the committee to take such measures as they may deem proper to obtain the publication of the records." It was also obtain the publication of the records. It was also announced at the Antiquarian Society that "a manuscript of great historical interest had just been received from England, being a narration of the early attempt at a settlement of Virginia, written by Wingfield, the first President of the Company, and that the publication of it is intended by Mr. Deane for the Society's volume of Transactions.

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THE original calling of eminent naturalists would form an interesting chapter. Some have come out of the quarry, some out of college cloisters, some from the Inns of Court, several from the medical schools, some from booksellers' shops, but only one, as far as we know, from a newspaper-shop. That one was William Yarrell. newspaper-snop. That one was windin tarren. A newspaper agency is the very best place for circulating intelligence, and about the worst for gathering it. Too many cooks spoil the broth, and too many newspapers spoil the mind. Yarrell, however, was wise enough to sell them, and too wise to read them. One broad sheet of news is good for an hour in the day, but poor food for a whole morning. Yarrell rather studied the broad page of Nature— "that universal and public manuscript that lies expansed unto the eyes of all," as Sir Thomas Browne phrases it. He prospered alike in business and in natural science; in the former he acquired 17,000L, and in the latter an honourable fame, much practical knowledge, and unfailing entertainment. No less than eighty-one several papers were communicated or read by

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him to scientific Societies or journals, in addition to his great works on the Birds and Fishes of Britain, which are quoted as authorities in the scientific circles of Europe and America.

The Memoir which is prefixed to this supplementary publication embodies that which appeared in our columns, and contains also a number of particulars of interest to the friends and admirers of the deceased naturalist, the survivor of twelve brothers and sisters, who, with their father and mother, are entombed near the naturalist at Bayford, Herts. His own tombstone bears the appropriate couplet from Wordsworth, in relation to the near neighbourhood of the family in death:—

First and last,
The earliest summoned and the longest spared,
Are here deposited.

This Supplement contains two or three interesting papers on fishes uncommon on our coasts, including one on the Germon, which ought to interest Englishmen, since its name is supposed to be a corruption of the word Warman, in use at the He d'Yeu when the English were masters of Guienne and Poitou. It is singular that this fish, which is of great size, excellent as food, distinct in character, and often captured to the number of 13,000 or 14,000 in a season, should have remained unnoticed by ichthyologists until a recent period. It abounds on the north coasts of Spain, facing the Bay of Biscay, and is not uncommon on the French Atlantic coasts as high as Rochelle.

We have also a full notice of the very curious Banks's Oar-fish, one example of which was cast ashore on our coasts in 1850, measuring twelve feet in length and weighing sixty-six pounds. Other individuals measured eighteen feet and twenty-four feet in length. The head, with its oar-like projections, is beautifully figured. The Sail-fluke is another curious fish common on the coasts of the Orkney group, whence a correspondent sends the following account of an original mode of fishing by proxy:

"The great supply is, however, obtained in the following manner:—In the winter and early spring a pair of Black-headed Gulls take possession of the Bay, drive away all interlopers, and may be seen at daybreak every morning beating from side to side, on the wing, and never both in one place, except in the act of crossing as they pass. The Sail-fluke skims the ridge of the wave towards the shore with its tail raised over its back, and when the wave recedes is left on the sand, into which it burrows so suddenly and completely, that though I have watched its approach, only once have I succeeded in finding its burrow. The Gull, however, has a surer eye, and casting like a hawk, pounces on the Fluke, from which by one stroke of his bill no sooner gorges this luscious morsel, than it commences dragging the fish to some outlying rock, where he and his consort may discuss it at leisure. By robbing the Black-backs I have had the house supplied daily with this excellent fish, in weather during which no fishing-boat could put to sea. Close to the beach of South Bay a stone wall has been raised to shelter the crops from the sea-spray. Behind this we posted a smart lad, who kept his eye on the soaring Gulls. The moment one of the birds made its well-known swoop, the boy rushed to the sea-strand, shouting with all his might. He was usually in time to scare the Gull away and secure the Fluke, but in almost every case with the liver torn out. If the Gull by chance succeeded in carrying his prey off to the rock, he and his partner set up a triumphant cackling, as if deriding the disappointed lad."

The article on the common British Sturgeon is ample and instructive. It appears to be the contribution of the present editor. In the figure of the jaws and teeth of Couch's Sea-Bream the geologist may find recent analogies to those curious rounded teeth, with globular crowns, which are sometimes so beautifully

preserved in the oolite and other rocks of Britain. Only one example of this singular Bream is known to have been captured on the English coast. All the illustrations are good, and equal to those in other portions of the publication. In the engraving, from a photograph, William Yarrell appears life-like, and attentive to some description of a new or rare fish.

MEDICAL BOOKS.

Clinical Lectures on Certain Acute Diseases. Robert B. Todd, M.D. (Churchill.)—This is almost a posthumous work, and will be read with more interest as its author is no longer alive to defend his views and carry them into practice. For many years Dr. Todd has been known in London as the opponent of the old antiphlogistic practice in healing disease. Many satisfied them-selves whilst the Doctor lived with shaking their heads and disavowing any belief in his practice of administering brandy in acute disease. They must now consider his arguments without personal op-position. Here he looks out from the grave, and declares, as the conviction of his long experience and matured judgment, that the system of bleeding and mercurializing has been a failure, and that an opposite treatment will alone enable the system to combat the presence of disease. We cannot go into the argument. We do not say Dr. Todd is right; but it is the duty of every medical practi tioner to investigate this point, and come to the best conclusion he can. Unfortunately, the only way of deciding this question is seldom pursued by medical men; instead of chronicling facts, and taking them as their guide, they are for ever guided If, in the complicated phenomena they have to investigate, they would, like the political economist, apply the test of figures, they might come to some definite conclusion; but as long as this labour is shirked by our hospital physicians, surgeons, and public medical men, so such questions as these, debated with so much ability by Dr. Todd, divide the medical profes-sion. That Dr. Todd has the best of the argument, we have no doubt; but that he has proved his case, no one, we should think, would be bold enough to assert.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—March 8.—Sir B. Brodie, Bart., President, in the chair.—The following papers were read:—'On the Solar Diurnal Variation of the Magnetic Declination at Pekin,' by Gen. Sabine. This communication was illustrated by various diagrams.—'The Bifilar Magnetometer, its Errors and Corrections,' by J. A. Brown.

GEOGRAPHICAL. — March 12. — Sir Roderick I. Murchison, V.P., in the chair.—The papers read were—'South Australia: Exploring Expedition into the Interior of the Continent,' by J. M. Stuart.—'Discovery of a New Harbour on the North-East Coast of Australia.'

ASTRONOMICAL. — Feb. 10. — Annual General Meeting. —Rev. R. Main, President, in the chair. —G. Frodsham, Esq., J.P. Hennessey, Esq., M.P., G. J. Stoney, Esq., were elected Fellows.—At the Meeting in January T. Heelis, Esq., was elected a Fellow.—Report of the Council to the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the Society. —The Council regret to report the loss by death of their valued Associate, Mr. W. C. Bond, of the Cambridge (U.S.) Observatory; Gen. Sir T. M. Brisbane, Bart.; I. K. Brunel, Esq.; Major-Gen. Blanshard; Samuel Cooper, Esq.; Earl De Grey; E. Hughes, Esq.; Rev. Dr. Inman; M. J. Johnson, Esq.; the Earl of Minto; Dr. Nichol; J. A. Nicholls, Esq.; Dr. Ogle; R. Stephenson, Esq., C.E.; Robert Stevenson, Esq., of Edinburgh; Admiral Trotter; and the Rev. W. W. Walton.—Address delivered by the President, the Rev. Robert Main, on presenting the Gold Medal of the Society to Prof. Hansen.—The Meeting then proceeded to the election of the Officers and Council for the ensuing year, when the following Fellows were elected:—President—Rev. R. Main, M.A. Vice-Presidents—A. De Morgan, Rev. B. Powell,

Rev. C. Pritchard, Adm. W. H. Smyth. Treasurer—S. C. Whitbread, Esq. Secretaries—R. C. Carrington, W. De la Rue. Foreign Secretary—Adm. R. H. Manners. Council—Messrs. J. C. Adams, G. B. Airy, A. Cayley, Capt. A. R. Clarke, R. Farley, Rev. G. Fisher, C. Frodsham, R. Hodgson, W. Lassell, J. Lee, LL.D., C. V. Walker, Rev. T. W. Webb.

Geological.—Feb. 29.—L. Horner, Esq., President, in the chair.—Messrs. W. Smith and C. A. Sanceau were elected Fellows.—The followin communication was read:—'On the Lower Lize of the South of England,' by Dr. T. Wright.

Society of Antiquaries. — March 8. — Ead Stanhope, President, in the chair. — A gift of Prochmations and Broadsides was announced from the Treasurer. — Mr. Newton exhibited a Bronze Celt, found in Suffolk.—Mr. R. Fitch, a Bronze Lany, found at Caistor, near Norwich. — Some remarks from Mr. W. S. Walford were read 'On a Seal appended to a Deed of Thomas de Lexham, Burgess of Lynn,' exhibited by Mr. J. J. Howard.— Mr. E. Waterton exhibited a selection from his cabinet of Antique Finger Rings. — Mr. W. S. W. Vaux described a Marble Head, bearing a Phonician inscription, exhibited by Mr. Fennell. — Mr. W. H. Hart read a communication 'On the Early History of the Priory of Dodnash, in Suffolk.'

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE. - March 7. Sir J. J. Boileau, Bart., V.P., in the chair.—M. Alphonse Mariette was elected a Member.—Mr. Thomas Wright gave 'An Account of the Recent Excavations at Wroxeter,' from which it appeared that these researches have now been conducted with great success, that they are still progressing favourably, and that there is every reason to hope that the result of this year's diggings will be even more valuable than that of previous years, at present Mr. Wright has uncovered a long line of rooms adjoining a cross street, a part of the town lying between three streets—with good reason to anticipate many further successful researches, both anticipate many further successful researches, one among private and public buildings—one large structure, comprised within a square of nearly 200 feet each way, which, from the extent of the hypocausts under it, has been in all probability part of the public baths, and which, moreover, contains no traces of the tesselated pavements of the public baths, and which, moreover, contains no traces of the tesselated pavements. usual in private houses, but is floored with a hard and solid concrete or cement. Near this is a tank, possibly used for a swimming bath, flagged at the bottom, and full, when opened, with refuse of all kinds, which would seem to have fallen into it at the time it was in use. Round this tank were the usual ambulatory passages, and near it a small room full of charred wheat. Another large structure, 226 feet long by 30 broad, Mr. Wright has conjectured to have been a Basilica. Curiously enough, it is the same length as that at Pompsii. It was paved with bricks set herring-bone fashion Along the side of the Basilica was the ordinary public street, paved on one side, apparently for a trottoir. A third building was a square, with a central court and several little rooms about 10 fest long running out of it. In some of these ware charcoal and mineral coal, with a large number of bones, some sawn through, as though it had been used for a shop, for the manufactory of articles of bone, as hair-pins, &c. The floors of these room appear to have been about 3 feet above the level of the court. Among other curious objects found here is a curious iron box, the object or use of which has not been satisfactorily determined. Beyond this building would seem to have been the Forum, which was paved with smooth round stones; and then another small street, on the side of which was a well-constructed gutter, with the flat stones still remaining that once covered it. In different parts of the excavations a large quantity of the bones of animals was met with; and among these those of extinct species of the *Bos longifrons* and of the elk, more than thirty skeletons scattered in different parts of the buildings, and an abundance of female ornaments, especially of hair-pins. The so-called deformed skulls were found away from the rest of the excavations, near the river side,

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Statistical.—March 15.—Anniversary Meeting.
—Sir J. Boileau, Bart., V.P., in the chair.—Mr.
Newmarch and Mr. Lumley (Honorary Secretaries)
read the Report of the Council for the last twelve
months and the balance-sheet. The number of
fellows at the present time is 357. The income
for the year 1859 (including the balance from 1858)
was 1,040l., and the expenditure 743l.; leaving a
balance to be carried to 1860 of 297l. The liabiities at the close of the year were 198l. The balance to be carried to 1860 of 2977. The liabilities at the close of the year were 1287. The monthly meetings of the Society have been well and influentially attended, and the papers read have been on important and interesting subjects. The Council was able to announce that the Government had taken measures for holding the Fourth International Statistical Congress, in London, in July next. A Committee of organization has been appointed at the Board of Trade, of which the Honorary Secretaries of this Society are Memthe Honorary Secretaries of this Society are Mem-bers. It was hoped that the Fellows would do all bers. It was no ped that the relicows would do all in their power to contribute to the success of so remarkable and interesting a meeting. Among the losses sustained by the Society by death, during the past year, have been Lord Macaulay, one of the founders, and the Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone, one of its trustees. A ballot having taken place for the election of a President, Council, and officers for the ensuing twelve months, the follow-ing was declared to be the list; the names in italies omeers for the ensuing twelve months, the ionowing was declared to be the list; the names in italies being those of the new Members:—President, Right Hon. Lord John Russell, M.P.; Council, C. Babbage, J. Bird, M.D., Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart., S. Brown, W. Camps, M.D., D. Chadwick, E. Cheshire, W. Farr, M.D., J. J. Fox, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., J. W. Gilbart, Sir F. H. Goldsmid, Bart., M.P., W. A. Guy, P. Hardy, the Right Hon. the Earl of Harrowby, F. Hendriks, J. Heywood, W. B. Hodge, the Right Hon. E. Horsman, M.P., L. Levi, W. G. Lumley, the Right Hon. Sir J. S. Pakington, Bart., M.P., F. Purdy, the Right Hon. Lord J. Russell, M.P., the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P., J. Strang, LL.D., Col. W. H. Sykes, M.P., Major-Gen. Sir A. M. Tulloch, K.C.B, R. Valpy; Treasurer, W. Farr, M.D.; Honorary Secretaries, W. Newmarch, W. A. Guy and W. G. Lumley.

ZOOLOGICAL.—March 13.—Dr. Gray, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. F. Buckland exhibited an em-balmed Egyptian Ibis, and made some remarks upon its state of preservation, and on the causes of the veneration of this bird.—Mr. Sclater exhibited the veneration of this bird.—Mr. Sclater exhibited examples of both sexes of *Oreophasis derbianus*, obtained by Mr. O. Salvin, Corresponding Member, in Guatemala.—Mr. P. L. Simmonds announced the capture of a young Gorilla, by one of his correspondents in Western Africa.—An extract was read from the *Bermuda Gazette*, relating to the capture of a large Riband-fish (Gymnetrus) in the Regrandes and giving a description of the approximation of the spin of the service of the spin o espure of a large knoand-nsn (tymnetrus) in the Bermudas, and giving a description of the animal, by Mr. J. M. Jones.—Dr. Crisp read the second portion of his paper, 'On the Causes of Death of Animals dying in the Society's Menagerie'; this part relating to the birds and reptiles. The form of disease most affecting the birds appeared to be the second or the proper were also read tubercular consumption.—Papers were also read, 'On a New Entomostracan, of the genus Estheria, from Nagpūr,' by Dr. W. Baird, and 'On Three New Species of Mollusks from the Pacific,' by Mr.

Society of Arts .- March 14 .- Sir T. Phillips, Chairman of the Council, in the chair.—The Right Hon. Lord Lyttelton and Mr. T. Wemyss Reid were elected Members.—The paper read was, 'On the Art-Treatment of Granitic Surfaces,' by Mr. J. Bell, sculptor. The paper included remarks on the application of incised decoration, in the ancient Egyptian method, to the surfaces of modern granite structures; also on floral and symbolic sculptural

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British Architects, S.
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Bryal Institution, 3.— 'Fossil Reptiles,' Prof. Owen.
Statistical, 8.— Aborigines, N. Zealand, Mr. Fenton.—
Vital Statistics, Tammania, 'Mr. Hall.
Society of Arts, &.—'Arcenious Acid, &e.,' Pr. Guy.

Meteorological, 7.—'Dust Storms, India,' Dr. Hook.—
'Storm, Wiltshire, 1886, 'Mr. Rovell.—' Meteorology of Scarlatins,' Mr. Vernon.—' Ozone,' Dr. Smallwood.

TRUESS.

Bryal Academy, &.— Sculpture,' Mr. Westmacott.

Antiquaries, S.

Royal, 8.—' Compound Colours,' Prof. Maxwell.—' GuttaFercha,' Mr. Jenkin.—' Scalar and Clinant Algebraical
Periological, S.

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Royal Institution, 3.—' Light,' Prof. Tyndall.
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FRENCH EXHIBITION.

This gallery will maintain its well-deserved reputation this year, containing, as it does, many very beautiful works of Art, which, although totally distinct in style from that prevailing amongst ourselves, are most interesting and valuable, not only to the public but to artists, as displaying a cally hereafter of towards. only to the public but to artists, as displaying a calm harmony of colour, sobriety of tone, and, in the genre subjects especially, an extreme felicity in rendering character, that is invaluable as a lesson to painters of the like themes. In England, domestic life is generally treated with an eye to dramatic effect and showiness of colour, that is quite absent from most of these French examples, which are true genre, in the best sense of the

word.

Of these, the most remarkable for artistic skill and truthful rendering are two by M. Edouard Frere; the best, a delightful picture of a set of boys at play in a village street, which is covered with snow.

Three youngsters have harnessed themselves to a fourth, and drag him, chariot fashion, along a slide; a second Phaeton has fallen behind on his back, and now kicks up his feet most ignominiously. His companions, nevertheless, race along full of life and spirit, hauling the more fortunate lad upon his heels. The street is full of winter mist, shrouding the distant house-tops. For colour, this surpasses the artist's previous works; much fine disposition of that quality may be observed in the boys' blue blouses, and the red cap worn by one of them. A second work by this artist is in the quietude of style peculiar to him, which he has abandoned so happily in the above. The subject is, a lad giving a lesson on the pipe to a child-friend; the face of the last, as he watches the performer in innocent wonder, is perfect in expression.

M. Meissonier contributes two allied subjects

Rembrandt in his Study, and Vandermullen in his Study: these have the same truth of character as heretofore; are less elaborately stippled than usual with the artist, and thereby gain in breadth of general effect. The respective painters, in both, are

seated before their easels.

M. Ruiperez, pupil of M. Meissonier, follows his master in choice of subject as well as in manner of execution. His picture of Vanderneer showing a Coast execution. His picture of Vanderneer showing a Coaspiece to a Patron will attract attention. The artist stands holding his work upon a table before the seated visitor, gravely watching his expression of delight in the painting. The mass of grey afforded by the painter's dress is cleverly employed to harmonize the generally hot colouring throughout.—M. Plassan's Prager, a young lady at her devotions by her bedside, is admirable for the pure, tender chestive of the flesh tirts shown on her have should chastity of the flesh-tints shown on her bare shoulder, the unaffected grace of her attitude, and exquisite painting of her hair. More elaboration might improve the background. A want of solidity is observable in the execution of the companion picture by this painter, A Lady playing with her Child.

—M. Trayer has several of his felicitously rendered domestic scenes.

The Visit to the Dairy shows a lady at a farmtreatment generally, as applied to the surfaces of hard stones, is a surface of hard stones, illustrated by drawings and models of features of Art so treated, as columns, capitals, bobelisks and drinking-fountains; and of floral types, as the lotus, papyrus, water-lily and Victoria Regia; having come to see her child, placed out to nurse

in the French manner, kneels on the floor, endeain the French manner, kneels on the floor, endeavouring to coax him towards her, but the infant, true to habit, turns rather to the farmer's wife,—an attendant holds the child by the skirt as it stretches out its little arms for the woman. Not so pure in colour as the foregoing, these works are still very interesting and well designed. M.J. Breton's Reapers is a pastoral subject of some women taking leave is a pastoral subject of some women taking leave in a field of cut corn. A broad and masterful style distinguishes this work,—the vigorous handling of the draperies, and skilful composition of the figures, make it worthy of study. M. E. Dubufe sends two pictures that created much sensation when exhibited in his own studio: The Conscript's Departure—a conscript taking leave of his betrothed, ardently clasping her hand, as she stands in an agony of grief—is full of passionate expression, but lacks the clear grey tints so admirable in his portrait of Mdlle. Rosa Bonheur. The companion, The Soldier's Return, displays the conscript, now a bronzed, arm-maimed soldier, clasping the girl, now a woman, to his breast. More beauty would have elevated the character of this picture, the woman's face failing therein; but this is somewhat redeemed by the energy and vigour of the design. woman's face failing therein; but this is somewhat redeemed by the energy and vigour of the design. M. Gustave Brion's works have always a pathetic character about them—witness the 'Raft on the Rhine,' here the year before last. This is sustained by his Church Attendance in Brittany—a large work, showing peasants gathered about the porch of a village church, listening to the prayers within. They are those singularly grave, earnest peasants of Celtic race, devoutly praying at the place where their forefathers, for generations, lie buried. The men stand reverently uncovered, the women kneel, some rosary in hand, and some absorbed. The grey some rosary in hand, and some absorbed. The grey old church tower, the ancient porch, the charnel by its side with coffins and bones uncovered, the farits side with coffins and bones uncovered, the faroff desolate sea-shore, and hanging dun-grey cloud
pregnant with rain that draws a line like a mighty
bar athwart the picture, the churchyard-cross,
beautifully designed, as so many of these Breton
crosses are,—all convey a mournful impression
which shows how well the artist has studied the
people he pictures. There is thorough keeping in
the sober, blue dresses of the men and women,
mixed with a few clad in white, the long hair
of the men, their eagerness to listen at the door,
and the more subdued attitudes of the women. A
Burial on the Rhine is also by this artist.
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By M. Müller is the Venetian Carnival—a party
in a balcony looking on to the Grand Canal, Venice,
—a picture very skilfully designed, altough needing
purity of colour. Also Henry the Eighth reading his
Replyto Luther to Sir Thomas More and Bishop Fisher
—a picture of considerable size; and the Venetian
Letter Writer—a scribe writing a letter at the dic-Letter-Writer—a scribe writing a letter at the dictation of a woman, who leans over his desk in the act. Other females stand near, their figures disposed with much skill, so as to form an agreeable composition. By M. Monfallet is a Garden Scene at Versuilles—a number of courtiers and ladies of Louis the Fifteenth's time, grouped about the walks and terraces,—remarkable for variety and character of incident and grouping. M. Chaplin contributes the Muse of Poetry, and the Muse of Astronomy, allegorical female figures in a meretricious taste, painted with much of the in a meretricious taste, painted with much of the grace and sparkle of the old French school. He has also sent his Venus, a picture which was not hung in the Paris Exhibition last year on account of a somewhat extra freedom of treatment which alarmed the modesty of our college allies.

of a somewhat extra freedom of treatment which alarmed the modesty of our gallant allies. It remains to be seen if the managers of this gallery will be more bold, and place it here.

M. Theodore Frere is represented by several of his Desert scenes. M. Lambinet sends some of his charmingly fresh landscapes of woodland and riverside; one of them will find numerous admirers from the interest fielding of the site. the intense fidelity of the sky, a mass of greyish white clouds saturated with soft light hanging over a river scene. M. Troyon contributes his greatest a river scene. M. Troyon contributes his greatest work, a landscape of very large dimensions, styled Returning from the Fields, some cattle and sheep upon a road, turned by a dog who barks at their front. Although a little heavy in the shadows for English tastes, there is visible a fine appreciation for colour and tone in this notable work. Some cows are seen coming up from drinking at a river

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side; an ass lingers on the road, this animal is introduced with great skill, not only as an element of the composition, but for colour, and as a balancing point in the tone of the whole picture. The sheep are designed with much variety and truth of cha

Mdlle. Rosa Bonheur has a little picture, painted in 1853, A Mare and her Foal in a Meadow. mare is even more than worthy of the artist's reputation; the landscape, of course one of her peculiarly low-toned renderings of Nature, has volumes of truthful observation in the foreground, a pool with weedy margins. The only fault in the picture is the rather leaden look of the sky. This lady reserves five important works for exhibition at the German Gallery next month. A little picture of poultry, by M. J. Bonheur, is quite as truthful in character as those we have seen here of late years, which is saying a good deal; this is rather less hot in colour than we generally find the artist's works

to be. A humorous painting, by M. R. Henneberg, of two vagrants robbing an orchard, we must not omit to notice. A squalid-looking young woman holds down the boughs of an apple-tree, while a hulking, ugly lout of a man greedily devours the spoil, in high glee at the prospect of escape from detection, an anticipation not to be fulfilled, it appears,for a truculent-looking watchman of the fruit is coming up behind at full speed armed with a stick. Notwithstanding some coarseness of execution, and a rather vulgar order of humour in this painting, its merits are very considerable. Another, by the same, shows two lovers in a corn-field, seated beneath a tree, the lady putting a wreath round the hat of her companion.

M. Gérome's famous picture, 'The Gladiators'—victors in the arena saluting a Roman emperor, before Rome assembled in the Amphitheatre—is expected to form part of this Gallery; and, if we may judge by the popularity of a photograph which has recently appeared, will attract great attention.

FINE-ART GOSSIP.—A special meeting of the Royal Academicians is called for Tuesday evening next, to receive a report from the Council on Mr. Cope's motion for enlarging the number of Assoes. This report, we need not say, is expected with a great deal of interest—less on account of the special reform proposed, than as an indication of the disposition of the present Royal Academicians to comply with the demands of public and parliamentary opinion. The public want an Academy that shall represent all the Arts. Parliament wishes to have a free Academy-exercising its public functions under public responsibility What gives to the meeting on Tuesday its chief importance is the circumstance that the report, the discussion, and the vote of that evening will determine whether or not the Academy will advance with the age, enlarge its organization, take upon itself a more public character—in one word, whether it will show itself willing to assume the duties of a National Academy. As our readers will remember, this proposal by Mr. Cope—as well as a proposal by Mr. David Roberts for increasing the pensions of retired Academicians and Associates-has been for some time in the hands of the Council. Neither point is yet formally settled. We have reason to believe that both propositions have been warmly debated; that opinions are still divided as to whether it may be for the interests of the present Royal Academicians to adopt them. In a few days the world will now learn. It is scarcely too much to say that the fortunes of the Royal Academy hang on the vote. Its truest friends will join in the hope that the courage and good sense of those who take the larger view of its mission will be found to prevail in the vote of Tuesday night.

A private view of the pictures in the Portland Gallery Institution of Fine Arts will be held to day, Saturday. The public will be admitted on Monday.

In reference to the paragraph on Ary Scheffer's picture, 'The Temptation of Christ,' Mr. Grundy, of Manchester, writes in explanation :-

"4, Exchange Street, Manchester, March 14.
"Your notices of the Fine Arts are usually so

correct, that I was much surprised to find a transcript of the Gazette des Beaux Arts, a review scarcely script of the Gazette des Beaux Ara, a review scarcely known in Paris, quoted in your last number, stating 'a copy of Ary Scheffer's Temptation of Christ' was being exhibited by some speculators. I beg leave to say the original picture is now in my possession, and has been seen by some thousands of visitors gratuitously; that the permission of the Minister of State for its removal from Paris to England was obtained, and is now in my possession; and, finally, M. François has all but finally completed the copper-plate engraving, which is exquisitely carried out—a proof not finished I received only yesterday, Tuesday, evening from Paris. M. François engraved the 'Napoleon in the Hundred Days,' after De Laroche, &c.

"J. C. GRUNDY. —It is right to add, that we learn from another quarter that the permission of M. Fould was obtained in a perfectly regular manner for the exhibition of this picture in England.

Mr. Mulready has in hand a picture, with figures the size of life, worked out from the same design as 'The Toy Seller,' a small sketch in the Sheep-shanks gift (No. 149), showing a negro mendicant offering a toy for sale to a mother with an infant; the child shrinks back in dread from the black. This is, we believe, for the Royal Academy.

Mr. Street is about to commence the restoration, in the proper conservative spirit, of the most interesting church at Stone, Dartford. In examining the old chancel wall, he found that one of the windows, with nearly all its tracery, and marble shafts to the jambs, still remained, being of the finest thirteenth-century work.

Mr. Millais is engaged on a series of drawings on the wood to illustrate the Parables, to be engraved and published by Mr. Dalziel. These are of larger dimensions than is usual with book

Mr. Thomas Woolner is engaged upon a bust of Prof. Sedgwick. He has in hand a group for Sir W. Trevelyan, -a mother teaching her child to pray; the incident intended to illustrate the highest ence of modern civilization, by showing the mother attempts to elevate the child's idea of love for herself to that of love of God. The group life-size, executed with extreme felicity beauty; and has upon the pedestal bas-reliefs, three in number, we believe. The subjects of two are as follows :- they are suggestive of various phases of inferior culture to that which the statue indicates. 1st, A Druid immolating human victims; 2nd, A Roman mother giving food to her infant with a sword, as their custom was, to communicate the idea of merely martial life.—The artist's bust of Sir William Hooker is completed; this is an excellent likeness, admirably carved.

Mr. Ruskin delivered a lecture at the General Meeting of the Working Men's College, on the 7th instant, the subject being three pictures, respec-tively by Paul Veronese, Rubens, and Rembrandt. Mr. Ruskin has authorized Mr. Jeffrey, of Great Russell Street, to publish photographic fac-similes of the complete series of Turner's 'Liber Studi-These etchings are far more beautiful than orum. the plates, and, being extremely rare, this permission is a real boon to the public.

Mr. Noel Paton has executed six pictures, intended for the London Exhibition, and to be engraved for one of the Scottish Fine-Arts Associations; these illustrate 'The Dowie Dens of Yar-The first shows the quarrel-scene :-

Late at e'en drinking the wine, And ere they paid the lawing, They set a combat them between To fecht it in the dawing.

The next shows the lovers parting, "ae fond kiss and then for ever." The third displays the 'Ladye Sarah' alone in her chamber, looking on the bright moon in misery and terror. The fourth is the fight:-

Four has he hurt, and five has slain, On the bloody braes of Yarrow. Till that stubborn knicht cam him behind, And ran his body through.

The lady is lying on the body of her dead lord in The sixth shows the burial of the champion. A Correspondent inquires the means of obtain-

ing the works of the Etching Club (referred to in No. 1687 of the Athenœum). No. 1687 of the Athenœum). We may state that they are to be had of Mr. Cundall, New Bond Street.

A pamphlet, signed "Iconoclast," 'On Scottish Art and Artists in 1860, has created a considerable sensation in Edinburgh of late. It is an elaborately written and clever criticism on the works of Art in the Royal Scottish Academy's Exhibition. The writer has an earnest purpose in his idea of Art. Notwithstanding the trenchant nature of his expressions, we may take credit to ourselves by indorsing most heartily his exhortation to artists, to look upon their profession with less of a trades man's eye than is usually the case. A criticism on Mr. Ford M. Brown's pictures, 'The Last of England' and 'The Death of Lear,' is singularly felicitous, and, although not wholly laudatory, does justice to two very remarkable works. Edgood are the remarks on Mr. Faed's style. author's opinion of Mr. R. S. Lauder's 'Elaine' is well worthy of that artist's attention. Altogether, we believe, such criticism as this cannot but be serviceable to the art, and merit the applause with which it has been received.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, EXETER HALL—Conductor, Mr. COSTA.—On FRIDAY, March 23, Subscriptim Concert, HAYDN'S SEASONS.—Principal Yocalists, Miss Parepa, Mr. Sims Reeres, Mr. Wilby Cooper, and Mr. Weiss. Tickets, 3s., 3s., and 10s. 6d. each; at the Society's Office, 6, in Excert Hall.

ST. MARTIN'S HALL.—Handel's JUDAS MACCABEUS, FEDNESDAY, March 21, at 8, under the direction of Mr. OHN HULLAH. Principal Vocalities: Miss Banks, Miss lartin, Miss Mina Poole, Miss Palmer; Mr. Sims Reves, Ir W. Eyran, Mr. Lewis Thomas—Tickets, 1a, 28, 62, 51alla, 58.

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ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA, COVENT GARDEN,—MISS LOUISA PYNE respectfully intimates to the Nobility, Gentry, and Public ther Patrons), that HER BENEFIT will take place on WEDNESDAY, March 28.

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—Compare, again, Mr. Balfe's setting of Mr. Kingsley's 'Three Fishers,' with the unaffected, touching, and beautiful ballad by Mr. Hullah, '—the first, all meagreness and strain after some —the first, all meagreness and strain after some-thing transcendental, ending in screams, which are more calculated to excite rebuke than sym-pathy.—We could go further in this book, but it would only be—to complete the adage—and to "fare worse." If a composer will betake him-self to the beautiful and thoughtful verses of our poets, he should study them poetically and thought-fully; besides casting aside the vulgarities of treatment, which pass, somehow, on the opera-stage—in the case where the words are vulgar. There are no lyrics more difficult to mate with music than those of Shelley, surcharged as, they There are no lyrics more difficult to mate with music than those of Shelley, surcharged as they are with mystic sweetness, nor seldom obscure in their imagery and intimation. Yet the intellectual and poetical settings of these by a far less practised writer than Mr. Balfe—M. J. W. Davison,—will give his Shelley songs a permanent life in the library of select English vocal music, and tempt all singers, who like to say, as well as to sing, and who prefer treasure to trash.—A ballad for 'The Bohemian Girl,' or a showy semi-French Brauvar for 'The Enchantress,' are not hard to be thrown off by one who has facility, and who every now and then lights on a taking phrase; but what is higher, purer, and truer in Music, often highest, purest, and truest when simplest, demands study, self-scrutiny, of a quality which we do not trace in any of the myriad writings of Mr. Balfe.

Concerts of the Week.—The second Italian Popular Concert was as good as, perhaps better than the first one. The Boccherini Quintett was better relished than it had been on the former better relished than it had been on the former occasion. However unpretending and delicate such works may now seem, there is small doubt that they were written on new fancy and with true science, at a period when executive Art was timid. Later, contrivance, violence, all that is really the least picturesque, though the most astounding,—have troubled the spring of Music, not deepened it. But the very same apprehensions by which we are enabled to enjoy the lurid sunsets of Beethoven, give us content in the dawn-pictures of Beethoven, and give us content in the dawn-pictures of Beethoven, give us content in the dawn-pictures of Beethoven, give us content in the da enabled to enjoy the lurid sunsets of Beethoven, give us content in the dawn-pictures of Boccherini— as foreshowing a real day. Now to try to reproduce such Art as his would be simply ridiculous. To return to it from time to time should always give pleasure to those who love the rich-coloured fruit as they loved the blossom on the tree that came before it, and yet have pleasure in considering also the first germ. There is a future to come for Music.—The lamp is not burnt out, the last word is not said. England, possibly, may say it—till some word "after the last" shall come. And those who hold their minds in the clearest hope for the

treated his words so cavalierly from the time upwards when he broke the line

They tell me thou it I the favoured guest, for the sake of the musical phrase—to his attempts of to-day. In this book, however, as in other late compositions, we fancy that what is expressive, dramatic, and profound—not to say scientifie—has been his object. But here, as in his slighter tunes, we find a carelessness of selection which is hardly compatible with intelligence. Mr. Tennyson's words, "Whom but Maud should I meet!" open this handsome album, set as a cavatina, with half-a-dozen changes of humour, the object of which eludes us. Why, again, begin the Laureate's "Silence, beautiful voice!" in a tempo di bolero? Why hurry the words

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must rise to his author (as in the case of Handel), the artist who has to make an author rise to his level by portamento, by cantabile, by flourish, by long breath, or terrible spasm, has hard work to do, and just now (Da capo) desperate work betwixt the old and new schools. No one before the public is now singing so completely as Mr. Sims Reeves. No one can so well bear, or has so little reason to fear, the ear-microscope.—The managers of the Popular Concerts are entitled to every praise for breaking fresh ground. Their programmes, too, we must repeat, are prepared in good and refined taste.

The London Quintett Union, consisting of Messrs. Willy, Weslake, Webb, Petiti, Reynolds, and Maycock, well merits support from all who care for even intelligent, well finished performances of the best chamber instrumental music. Its managers, too, wisely move out of the too-beaten track of a few works by a few authors, too long pertinaciously adhered to. Especially is to be commended their attention to the works of Onslow; since these, though marked by a certain dryness in portions, especially observable in his final movements, have great grace and ingenuity, sometimes spirit, and always that rare thing—style. The slow move. especially observable in his final movements, have great grace and ingenuity, sometimes spirit, and always that rare thing—style. The slow movement of the Quintett in B flat, performed on Wednesday, is a Largo of the highest class. Besides this we had Dr. Bennett's one Pianoforte Trio, which, though by no means his best work, is good and individual enough to make us ask, why is there only one trio, from so skilled a hand, in days when players are sufficience screenly from dearth? when players are suffering so severely from dearth? Mr. Sloper was at the pianoforte. The singers were Miss Banks and Madame Sainton-Dolby.

DRURY LANE.—Managers still believe in Mr. Fitzball. On Monday a piece, in three acts, by this gentleman, was produced. It is entitled 'Christmas Eve; or, the Duel in the Snow,' and was suggested by a picture, exhibited at the Exhibition of French Artists in Pall Mall, which represented the property hilled in a duel has Now. bition of French Artists in Pall Mall, which represented a dying Pierrot killed in a duel by a New Zealand Chieftain, and surrounded by a number of Masques. In the drama we have an interpretation of the picture. The Pierrot is one Sir Charles Andry (Mr. Emery), and the New Zealander is one Copt. Dashwood (Mr. Verner), who has behaved ungratefully, and eloped with the wife of Sir Charles. The latter follows him to a ball, quarrels with him and retires to the Ris de Boulcome. with him, and retires to the Bois de Boulogne, where the duel takes place. The piece was well received.

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Strand.—We have lately had reason to complain of the want of elegance in the new productions at this establishment. Miss Swanborough has now, however, made amends by a little Watteau kind of piece, written by a lady, and attributed to the reign of Louis the Fifteenth, called 'The Loves of Arcadia.' The king has desired the union of the Chevalier de Merilhac (Mr. Parselle) and Mdlle. Desirée de Launay (Miss Swanborough), who had as yet never seen each other, the lady having been bred in a convent and the gentleman at court. They are, however, determined to hate one another, and not to meet; and yet, as usual in fancy pieces of the kind, contrive the very means for doing so. Both, according to the easy plan of story-building implied in this remark, resolve to play shepherd and shepherdess in an Arcadia of their own, and accordingly find themselves in a forest together, making love to each other "incontinently." As a matter of course, the King comes hunting in the forest, and takes the unknown shepherdess to court, to perform in an Arcadian fite of his own; thither the Chevalier follows her, to exhibit himself in a picture-frame as his own portrait, and to be made happy in the way originally intended by His Majesty. There is much tenderness and poetic feeling in the dialogue of this charming little drama, which was deservedly received with great applause.

Musical and Dramatic Gossip. — A "slip" has been obligingly forwarded to us, in which the arrangements made for the Norwich Festival up to this time are announced. The meeting will commence on September the 17th, with a cheap evening performance of 'The Creation.' On the Tuesday evening an act of the concert will be devoted to a selection from Gluck's 'Armide' (the same, we understand, as the one produced at the Cologne Festival two years ago); on Wednesday morning, Spohr's 'Last Judgment' and 'The Dettingen Te Deum,'—in the evening, Dr. Bennett's 'May Queen'; on Thursday morning, Herr Molique's 'Abraham,'—in the evening, Mr. Benedict's 'Undine'; on Friday morning, 'The Messiah.' The singers already engaged are, Madame Novello, Messrs. Sims Reeves, Wilbye Cooper, and Santley, and Mr. and Mrs. Weiss. The programme promises a festival of more than ordinary interest. interest.

The success of Mr. Wallace's opera at Covent Garden has led to the extension of the English season for nine nights longer than those originally announced.

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It was mentioned some time since that plans were in contemplation for re-making, rather than repairing, the York Minster organ, the state of which has from the first been unsatisfactory. A specification of the "root and branch" reforms about to be carried out is now before us. This promises a complete and well-balanced instrument, containing all the modern improvements, but with the inferior matter that had been introduced from time to time removed. So that after four times the time to time removed. So that after four times the money originally necessary has been spent (according to the delightfully lavish fashion of England), there may be some hope of the instrument at last becoming what it has so long been erroneously

A new organ is about to be placed in St. Alban's Abbey Church.

Abbey Church.

The grand organ placed the other day in the Cathedral at Rouen, from the factory of those excellent builders, M. Merklin Schutze & Co., has been "opened" (as our English phrase is) with great ceremony, in the presence of a vast concourse of people. The players were MM. Batiste, De Vilbac and Lemmens.

The following note contains information which will be welcome to all lovers of Handel:—

"11, Newman Street, March 14.

"The very kind manner in which you have reminded the Committee of the Handel College of the duty they have undertaken, as appears in your paragraph [page 348, No. 1689], induces me to write, and assure you that there is no lack of in-

terest or zeal on their part, and that the appearance terest or zeal on their part, and that the appearance of delay has been solely occasioned by an application being made to 'the donor of the land' for a transfer of the same, on conditions considered alike beneficial to the donor and the interest of the undertaking. I believe it will not be considered a breach of confidence on my part to state that this is now being accomplished, and will be submitted to the Committee forthwith mitted to the Committee forthwith.

"I am, &c., WILLIAM LOCKYEB, Secretary."
We are obliged to a Correspondent for his communication on a matter which is growing into musical interest :-

"March 7.

"Having observed in the last number of the Atheneum an allusion to M. Pleyel's "Pedalier," it may be worth mentioning, that some time since I had a more compact and less cumbersome instrument of this kind constructed, in which the 16 ft. and 8 ft. strings (to speak in organ language), which are played by the pedal keys, are strung on the back of the pianoforte sound-board, thus involving only six inches additional depth beyond that of an ordinary cottage pianoforte. This idea was successfully carried out for me by Mr. G. Russell, and the instrument answers admirably for such organ practice as requires only a single manual with pedal.
"E. G. M."

—It may be mentioned by way of postscript, that this pedal fancy, as adjusted to a pianoforte, was suggested (unless memory plays tricks) so far back as 1842—3, to Parisian makers of instruments, by Dr. Liszt. While our Correspondent accredits it for organ practice as a valuable assistance, we must repeat, that a piano with pedals, though it may represent, can no more supersede the organ, than do the harmoniums, now so fertile in discord. The

old, clumsy, complicated, grand, regal instrument
has its own conditions and its own inconsistencies.

A new Cantata, by Mr. Macfarren, on an English
subject, with words by Mr. Oxenford, is in the

It is said, on good authority, that with Mdlle. Piccolomini's tour in the provinces of England her theatrical career will terminate.—We understand that Mr. Gye intends to produce, not M. Gounod's 'Faust,' as had been rumoured, but the 'Herculaneum' of M. David. Our opinion of the wisdom of such a preference need not be given.

The book of M. David's opera (though its original idea of presenting "the Last Judgment" was tamed out of it, as rather too strong for even French digestion of irreverence) will, we fancy, have to be clipped and changed again ere it passes our censor-ship. This in itself is a serious drawback to a new work, were the music as valuable as M. David's is the reverse. Not all Signor Rossini's splendour, lavished to its utmost on that incomparable second finale, can keep his 'Moise' on our Italian stage, owing to the transformations of the story rendered

necessary for England.

'Le Jugement de Dieu,' the grand opera by M.

Morel, written expressly for the town of Marseilles, of which he is chief musical director, has been produced there, and is said to have equalled expecta-tion.—A matter of smaller moment, still interesting, has been the production, at Saint-Étienne, of a two-act opera, by M. Dard, who is also a local

professor.

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'Pierre de Medicis,' the new opera by Prince J.
Poniatowski, has been just produced at the Grand
Opéra of Paris. The music seems to be utterly
insufficient to the high place of its present promotion. A Golconda is said to have been spent on
the dresses and scenery. The singers are Madame
and M. Gueymard, MM. Obin and Bonnehée.

It seems like almost half a century since the
dresses of Weigl the German opera composers

decease of Weigl, the German opera composer, whose 'Schweitzer Familie' and 'Amor Marinaro' had, in their day, vogue enough to pass into England. Yet his name, as an utterly by gone musician, has been recalled to us by a notice in the foreign journals, that his widow has just died at Vienna, aged eighty-five.

To Correspondents.—T. S.—Erionnach.—W. G.— T. M.—E. E.—J. P.—R. C. G.—J. W.—Rhea.—W. O.— W. H.—J. C. G.—H. & S.—William Glover.—received.

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NORTH BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANY was held within the Com-pany's Offices, 64, PRINCES-STREET, EDINBURGH, on MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1860, in terms of the Constitution of

Sir ARCHIBALD ISLAY CAMPBELL, Bart. One of the Extraordinary Directors, in the Chair. A Report by the Directors was read, in which the following results were communicated:-FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The PREMIUMS received during the year 1859 amounted, deducting Re-insurances, to £35,332 10 5

Being 4,986l. 14s. above the Receipts of last year.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

805 NEW POLICIES had been issued, Assuring And paying of ANNUAL PREMIUMS

Being a considerable increase above any former year.
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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by G. Warrender, Esq. younger, of Lochend, the Report was unanimously approved of, and the usual dividend of Ser cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company declared, free of Income-Tax, psyable on Monday, the found of April next.

Meeting were then voted to the Local Boards and Agents, and also to the Directors.

The Extraordinary and Ordinary Directors were then elected, and on the motion of LORD VISCOUNT MELVILLE, the chanks of the Meeting were voted to the Ghairman.

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